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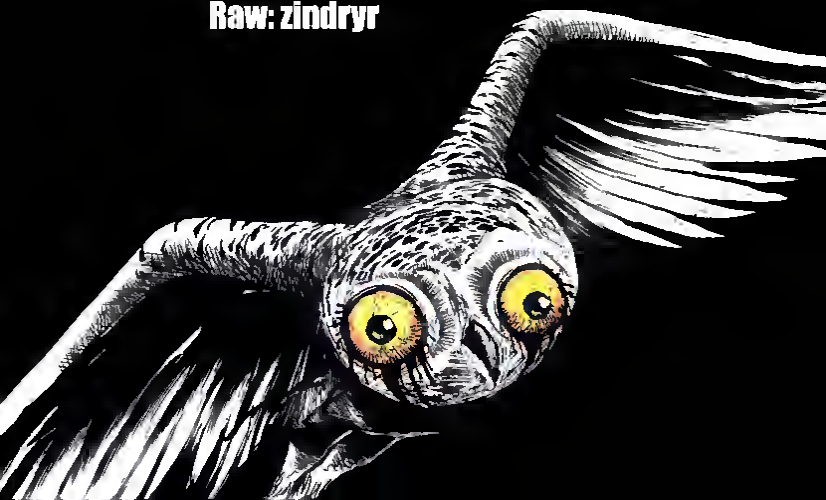

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in certain in old times of old times
It was one owl All livingthings seen
by the owl have died
All hunters who had tried to shoot
the owl dead died

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その鳥とは、その眼で見られたものは、すべて死んでしまうという一羽の恐ろしいフクロウだった。
コードネームは、ミネルヴァ。
かつて、猟師仲間とともに、そのフクロウを一度は叩き落とした鵜平は米軍の要請を受けて、再び銃を取る。

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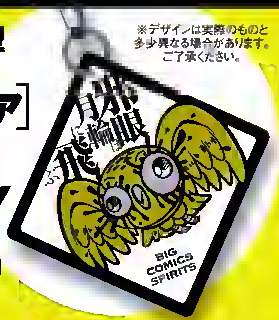

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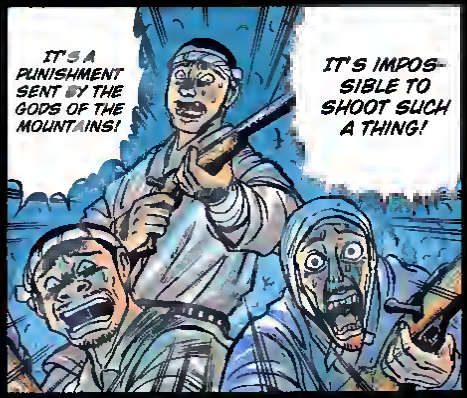
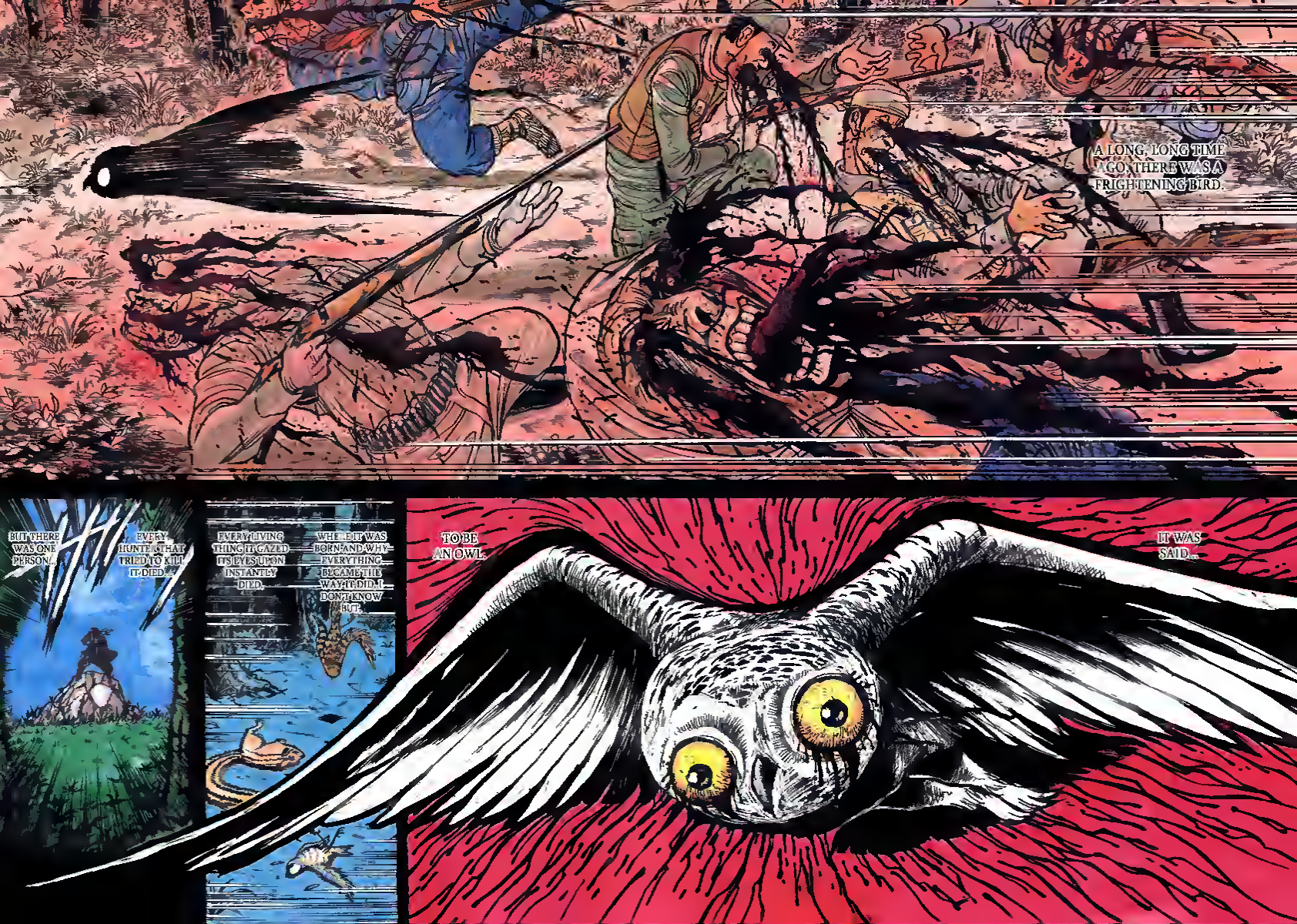
A LONG, LONG TIME AGO."
AS ART HISTORIAN ERNST GOMBRICH SAID, "ALL STORIES START WITH 'A LONG, LONG TIME AGO'."

THIS STORY AS WELL. WILL BEGIN WITH "A LONG, LONG TIME AGO."
WAA!
AAAAGGH!

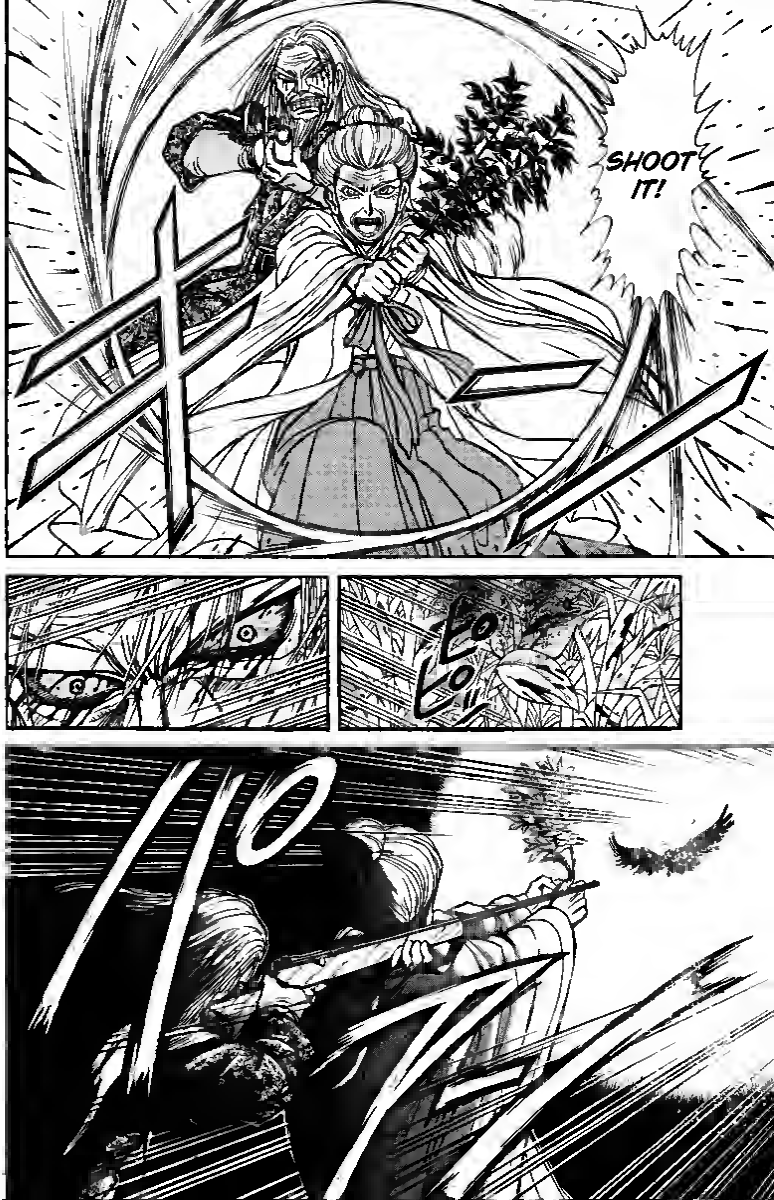

IT'S A PUNISHMENT SENT BY THE GODS OF THE MOUNTAINS!
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO SHOOT SUCH A THING!

THEREFORE,


A LONG, LONG TIME AGO, THERE WAS A FRIGHTENING BIRD.
BUT THERE WAS ONE PERSON.
EVERY HUNTER THAT TRIED TO KILL IT DIED...
EVERY LIVING THING IT GAZED ITS EYES UPON INSTANTLY DIED.
WHEN IT WAS BORN AND WHY EVERYTHING BECAME THE WAY IT DID... I DON'T KNOW BUT...
TO BE AN OWL.
IT WAS SAID...

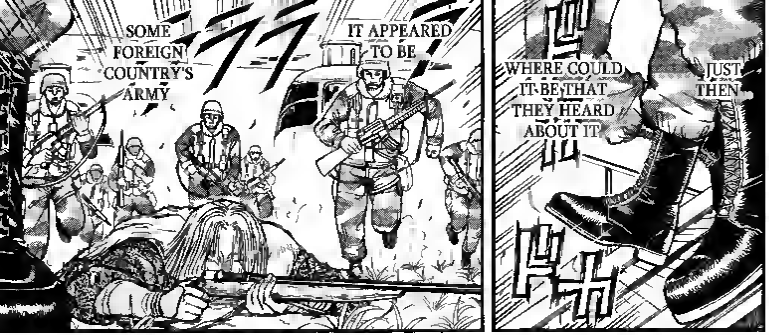
First Chapter: Hunter From the Forest

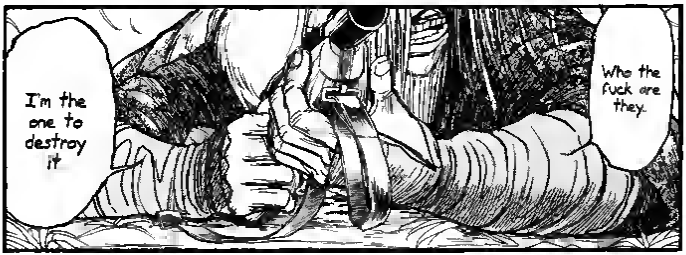
THIS IS JUST A DEMON!
A PUNISH-MENT!? TELL US WHAT WE HAVE DONE WRONG!?
GNN
オオ
DEAR!

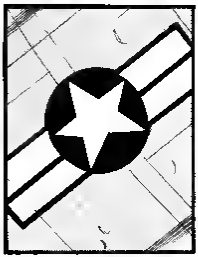

SHOOT IT!

Ohh
Damn-
it.
バササ

Have to f-finish it...
I can destroy it...
With one more shot


SOME FOREIGN COUNTRY'S ARMY
IT APPEARED TO BE
WHERE COULD IT BE THAT THEY HEARD ABOUT IT
JUST THEN


I'm the one to destroy it
Who the fuck are they.



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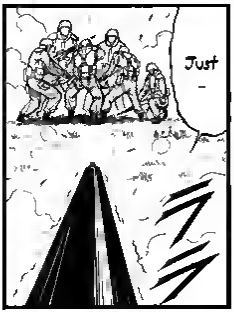
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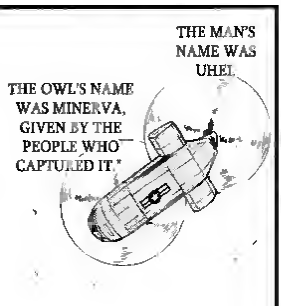
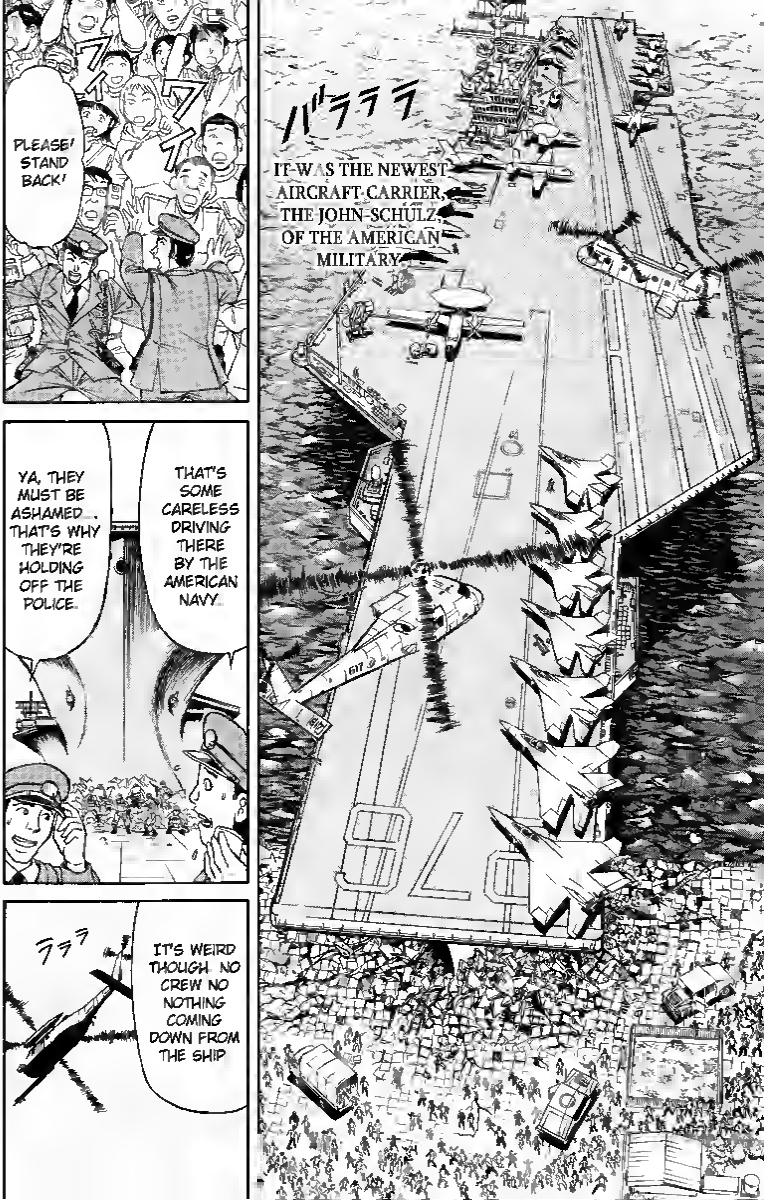

THE MAN'S NAME WAS UHEI.
THE OWL'S NAME WAS MINERVA, GIVEN BY THE PEOPLE WHO CAPTURED IT.

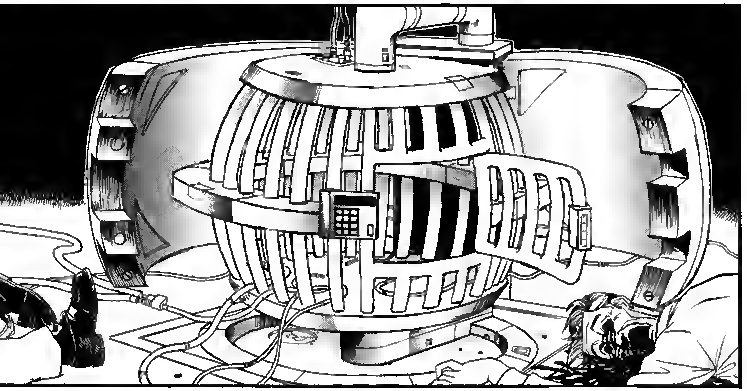
Just one more ...

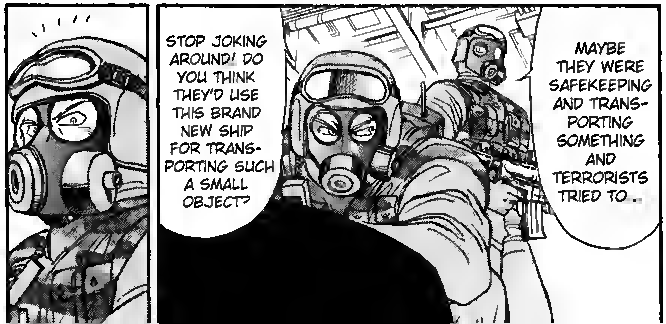
IN TOKYO FROM THE SEA
13 YEARS LATER
UWAA!?
SOMETHING TERRIBLE WAS APPROACHING.
A... a warship...?
HM...
THEY'RE NOT REALLY BITING HERE... HOW 'BOUT YOU?
HA HA HA
SAME HERE, MAYBE WE SHOULD GO SOMEWHERE ELSE.

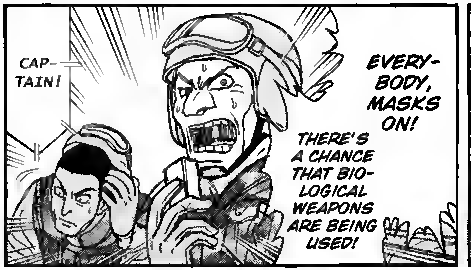

ワイワイ
PLEASE! STAND BACK!
YA, THEY MUST BE ASHAMED... THAT'S WHY THEY'RE HOLDING OFF THE POLICE.
THAT'S SOME CARELESS DRIVING THERE BY THE AMERICAN NAVY.
ララ
IT'S WEIRD THOUGH. NO CREW NO NOTHING COMING DOWN FROM THE SHIP
バラララ
IT WAS THE NEWEST AIRCRAFT CARRIER, THE JOHN SCHULZ, OF THE AMERICAN MILITARY.

BE CARE-FUL, WE DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOIN' ON IN THERE!
THERE'S STILL NO RESPONSE FROM THE SHIP!
UWA!
WHAT IS IT...
C-CAP-TAIN!

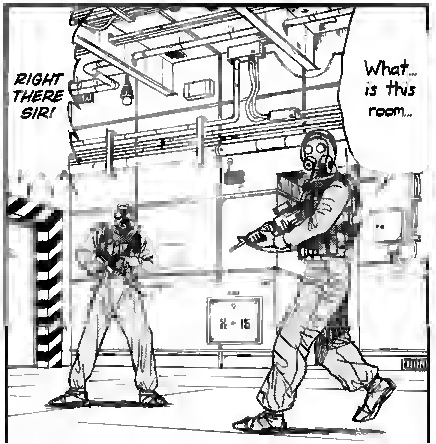
JESUS! WHAT THE FUCK IS THIS?!

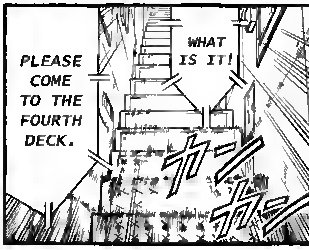


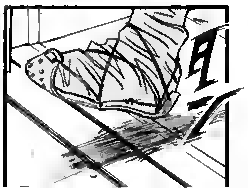

STOP JOKING AROUND! DO YOU THINK THEY'D USE THIS BRAND NEW SHIP FOR TRANSPORTING SUCH A SMALL OBJECT?
MAYBE THEY WERE SAFEKEEPING AND TRANSPORTING SOMETHING AND TERRORISTS TRIED TO...


CAP-TAIN!
EVERY-BODY, MASKS ON!
THERE'S A CHANCE THAT BIO-LOGICAL WEAPONS ARE BEING USED!

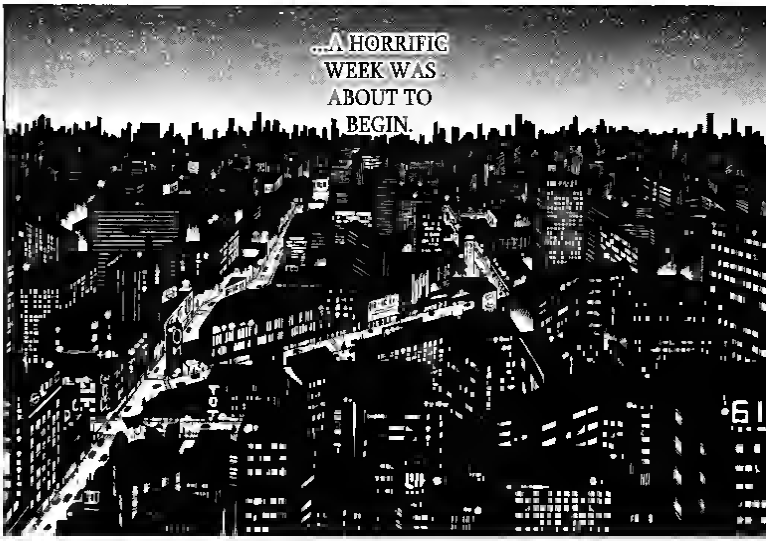
Is dead ...
Every-body.


RIGHT THERE SIR!
What... is this room...

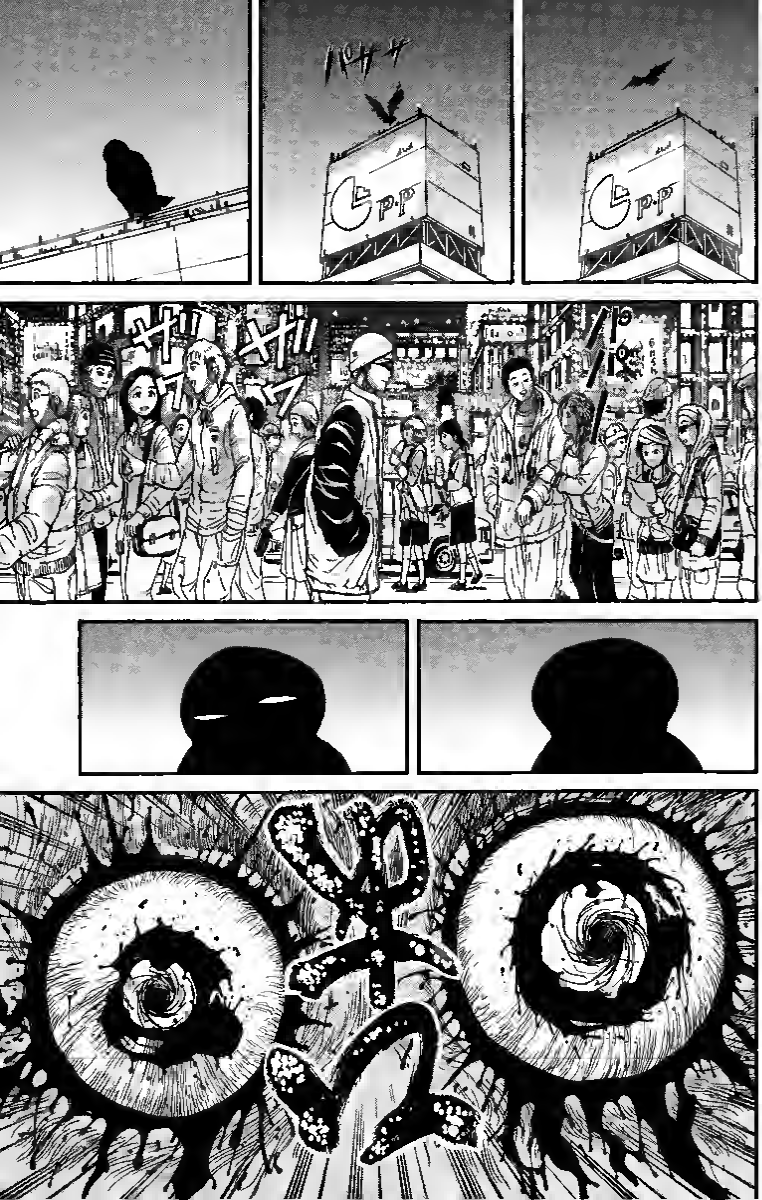

PLEASE COME TO THE FOURTH DECK.
WHAT IS IT!



AND THEN, SOMETHING THAT THE PEOPLE OF THIS CITY CALLED TOKYO HAD NEVER EXPERIENCED,
What in the world... were they carrying...

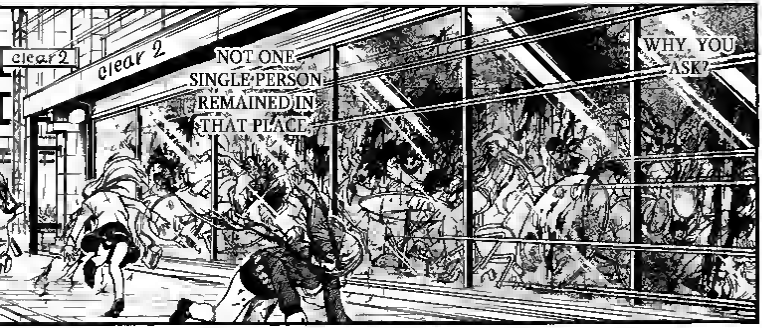

...A HORRIFIC WEEK WAS ABOUT TO BEGIN.

ヒューオ


バサッ
C.P.P
C.P.P
ナル
ワ
ナル
ワ
パ

HAHAHA, THEY WON'T KNOW. I'M IN CHARGE OF ALL THE ACCOUNTING
SO, YOUR EXPENSES FROM LAST MONTH HAVE BEEN CLEARED
BUT, I STILL WANT TO BUY STUFF...
HEE HAVEN'T YOU BEEN DRINKING TOO MUCH?
?
ガタガタ
KYAAAAA!
ぐりん

NOT ONE PERSON WAS SURPRISED
AND THEN THE UNIMAGINABLE OCCURRED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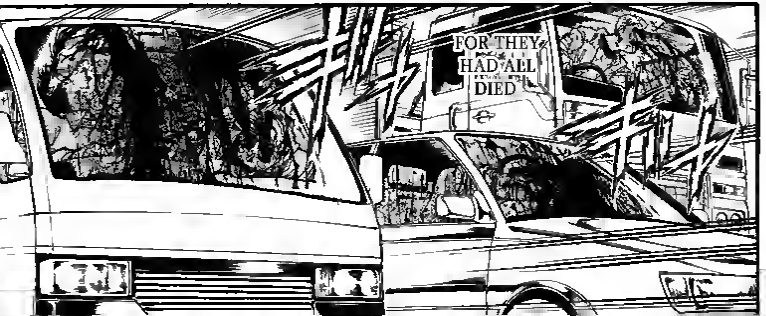
NOT ONE SINGLE PERSON REMAINED IN THAT PLACE
WHY, YOU ASK?


FOR THEY HAD ALL DIED

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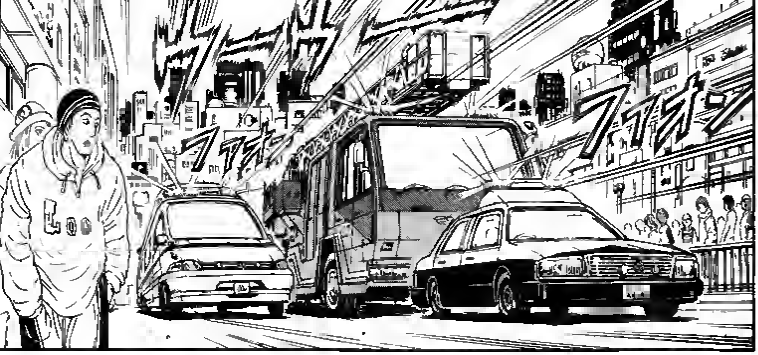
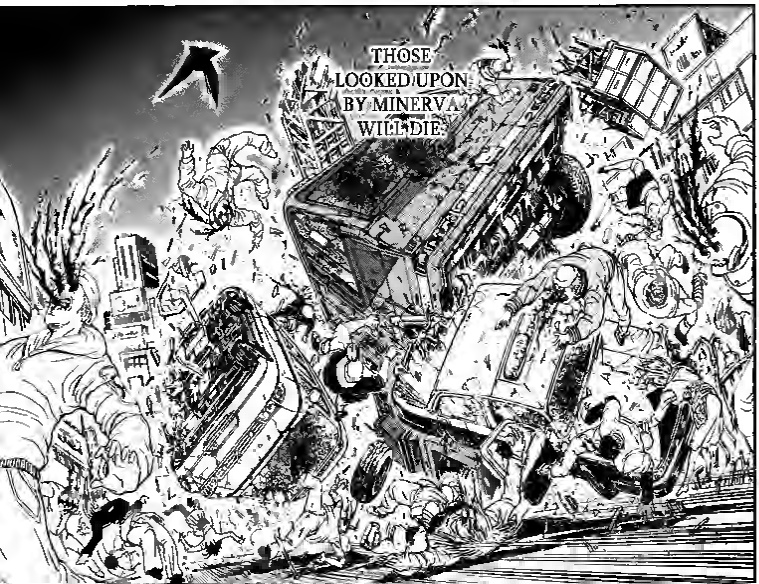
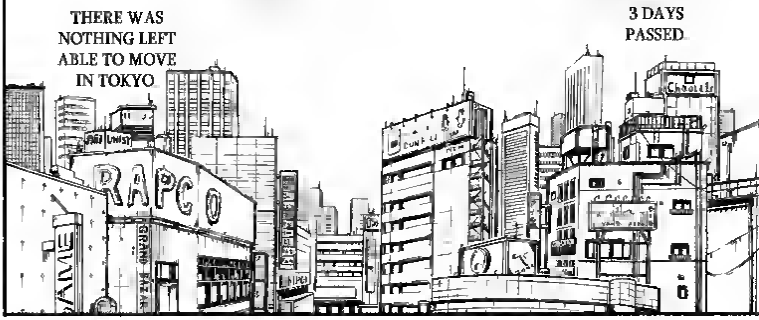
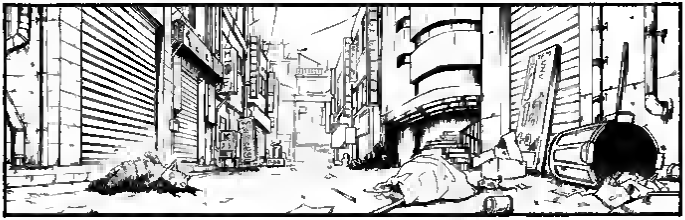
THAT OWL
SINCE WHEN DID IT APPEAR
THAT IS



THERE WAS ONLY ONE RULE.
THE NAME GIVEN BY ITS CAPTORS 13 YEARS AGO.
ITS NAME WAS MINERVA

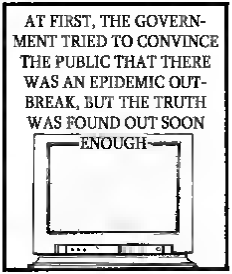

THOSE LOOKED UPON BY MINERVA WILL DIE.

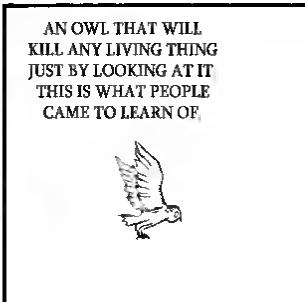

THERE WAS NOTHING LEFT ABLE TO MOVE IN TOKYO
3 DAYS PASSED
RAPCO



WAS ALSO ACCOMPANIED WITH "DEATH."

THE FOOLISH MASSES—FOR THIS KNOW LEDGE


AT FIRST, THE GOVERNMENT TRIED TO CONVINCE THE PUBLIC THAT THERE WAS AN EPIDEMIC OUTBREAK, BUT THE TRUTH WAS FOUND OUT SOON ENOUGH


AN OWL THAT WILL KILL ANY LIVING THING JUST BY LOOKING AT IT THIS IS WHAT PEOPLE CAME TO LEARN OF

WASN'T AS BAD AS WHEN THE MEDIA STARTED TO MINGLE WITH IT
ALTHOUGH, WHAT THOSE PEOPLE DID
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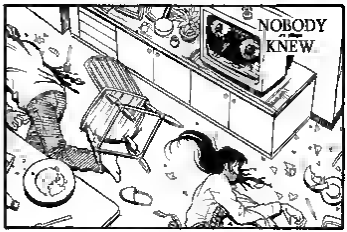
NEWS
BUT THIS IS LIKELY THE BIRD THAT ESCAPED FROM THE CAPTIVITY OF THE AMERICAN MILITARY THE BIRD OF DESTRUCTION
WE DON'T HAVE ANY OFFICIAL REPORTS YET,
PLEASE LOOK AT IT, THERE IT IS!
PLEASE...
LOOK...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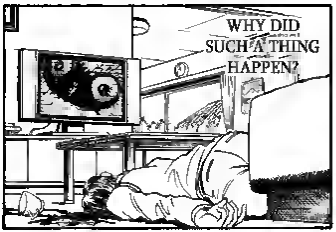
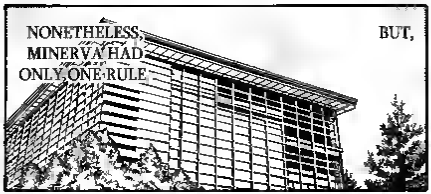

WHY DID SUCH A THING HAPPEN?

MINERVA
DISASTER


NONETHELESS, MINERVA HAD ONLY ONE RULE
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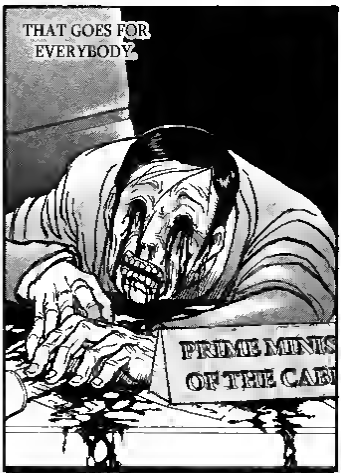
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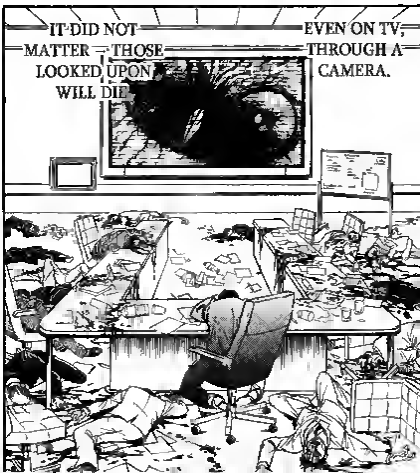
IT DID NOT MATTER — THOSE LOOKED UPON WILL DIE.
EVEN ON TV, THROUGH A CAMERA.

RIGHT NOW THE GOVERNMENT, THE ECONOMY – EVERYTHING HAS BECOME A COMPLETE DISASTER BECAUSE OF A SINGLE BIRD
NATIONWIDE, OVER 4,200,000 PEOPLE HAD DIED ALREADY
WHAT'S UP WITH YOU LOOKING SO NERVOUS?
LOOK, IT'S THE LOCAL POLICEMAN
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THE DAY AFTER THE ENORMOUS MASSACRE
YES WELL, IT'S ABOUT THAT BIRD... APPARENTLY WE'RE GETTING HELP.. FROM SOMEONE POWERFUL OVER AT THE AMERICAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS
WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN FROM NOW ON... OUR PRIME MINISTER ALSO DIED 'N STUFF.
OH YES, THAT BIRD. THEY'RE SAYING THINGS ABOUT IT CARRYING A TERRIBLE DISEASE RIGHT?

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WHA, IT'S A HELI-COP-TER!
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT EITHER THOUGH ...
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YEAH IT'S ONE BIG MESS AT THE HEAD-QUARTERS IN TOWN TOO
THEY SEEM TO HAVE BUSINESS WITH UHE!
ARE THEY HERE TO HELP?
OH! I HAVE TO GO AND MEET UP WITH THEM!
HAHA, IMPOS-SIBLE!
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WITHOUT BRINGING RIN?
LET'S GO.
TALKING ABOUT COUNTRY-SIDE... IT'S LIKE CAMP DAWSON BACK IN WEST VIRGINIA.
IT'S ONLY 30 KILOMETERS FROM HERE TO THE CITY IN A STRAIGHT LINE, BUT STILL IT TAKES MORE THAN 4 HOURS TO GET HERE BY CAR AND FOOT.
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IS THERE REALLY A MAN LIKE THAT HERE, KEVIN?
WELL, OUR INFORMATION SHOULD BE BETTER THAN WHAT YOUR DELTA FORCE GATHERED. THE CIA HAS MORE THAN 2,000 PEOPLE WORKING ON IT, MR MICHAEL REED.

I can't make out what they're saying, but it doesn't look like they're friends...
I'M JUST HOPING YOU'RE NOT THINKING THAT THE DELTA FORCE AND THE CIA CAN HAPPILY WORK TOGETHER AS IF THEY'RE GOOD FRIENDS, OR ANYTHING.
NO MATTER HOW MANY MISSIONS WE DO TOGETHER, YOUR ANNOYING ATTITUDE NEVER CHANGES DOES IT, KEVIN?
THEN I GUESS IT'LL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THOSE FOREIGNERS
WE'RE TRYING OUR BEST TO HELP, BUT THEY WON'T SAY A THING AND THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW THE DETAILS ON THE OLD MAN.
I HEARD ABOUT IT ON THE PHONE BUT.. ABOUT UHEI RIGHT...
THIS OLD MAN NAMED "UHEI" OR SOMETHING. IS HE DEAD? ALIVE? TELL ME!
YEAH, I DID SOME STUDYING, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY,
WOW!, YOU'RE SPEAKING JAPANESE?
HEY! HE ISN'T DEAD OR ANYTHING RIGHT?
WE ARE SUPPOSED TO BE REPORTERS FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SO COULD YOU STOP BEING SO COMPULSIVE
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Like I care.
I'M TERRIBLY SORRY FOR MY RUDE FRIEND. WE ACTUALLY CAME HERE TO VISIT MISTER UHEI AND HOPE THAT HE CAN GIVE US SOME ADVICE CONCERNING THE EXTERMINATION OF THAT BIRD.

SO MISTER UHEI WAS REALLY A FAMOUS HUNTER THEN. WOW...
TALKING IN THE PAST TENSE? SO HE IS DEAD AFTER ALL?
NO... HE STILL LIVES THERE, IN THE MOUNTAINS IN A SMALL HOUSE...
REALLY! THANK YOU SO MUCH.
BUT, IF YOU GO NOW YOU WONT BE ABLE TO MEET HIM ANYWAY, SO IT'S BETTER IF YOU WAIT A LITTLE.
HUH? WHY?
"SIGH, SIGH"
WHAT'S UP SO SUDDENLY, CALLING ME OUT LIKE THAT.
AH! THERE SHE IS.
RIN, COME OVER HERE.
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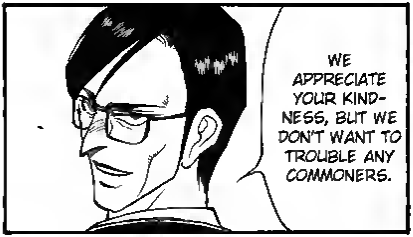
SHE'S THE LOCAL SPIRIT MEDIUM!
HOW UNUSUAL, ARE THEY FROM AMERICA?

MISTER UHEI DOESN'T TALK TO OTHER PEOPLE UNLESS SHE'S THERE.
WHO'S THAT WOMAN?


WE APPRECIATE YOUR KINDNESS, BUT WE DON'T WANT TO TROUBLE ANY COMMONERS.

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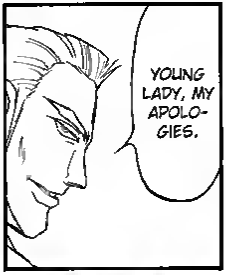
WHAT'S GOING ON?
HMMM...


YOUNG LADY, MY APOLOGIES.

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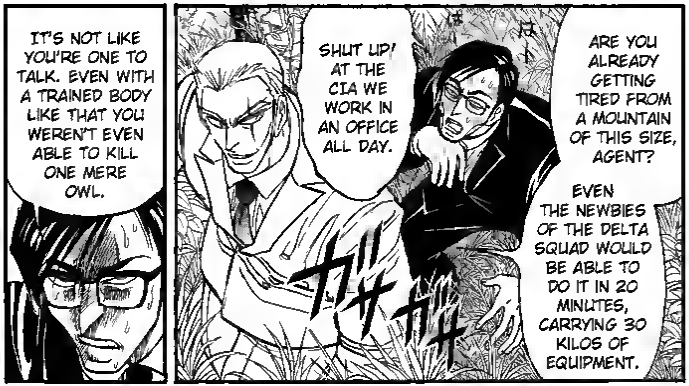
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE ONE TO TALK. EVEN WITH A TRAINED BODY LIKE THAT YOU WEREN'T EVEN ABLE TO KILL ONE MERE OWL.
SHUT UP! AT THE CIA WE WORK IN AN OFFICE ALL DAY.
ARE YOU ALREADY GETTING TIRED FROM A MOUNTAIN OF THIS SIZE, AGENT?
EVEN THE NEWBIES OF THE DELTA SQUAD WOULD BE ABLE TO DO IT IN 20 MINUTES, CARRYING 30 KILOS OF EQUIPMENT.
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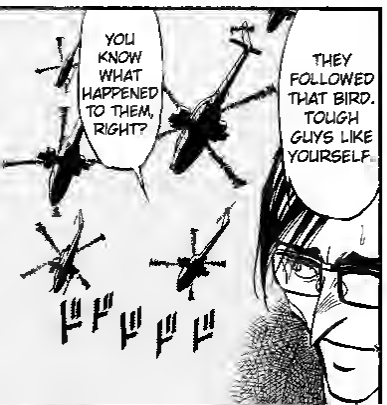
YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM, RIGHT?
THEY FOLLOWED THAT BIRD. TOUGH GUYS LIKE YOURSELF.
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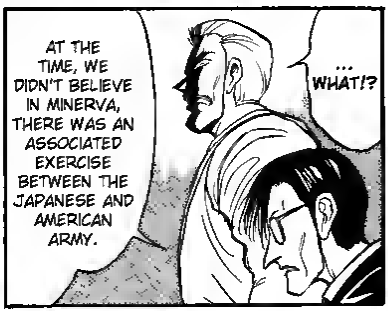
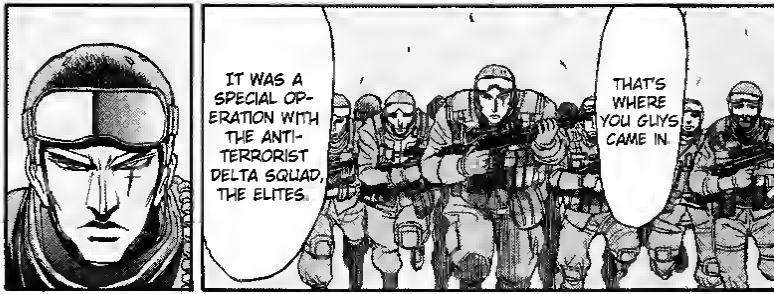
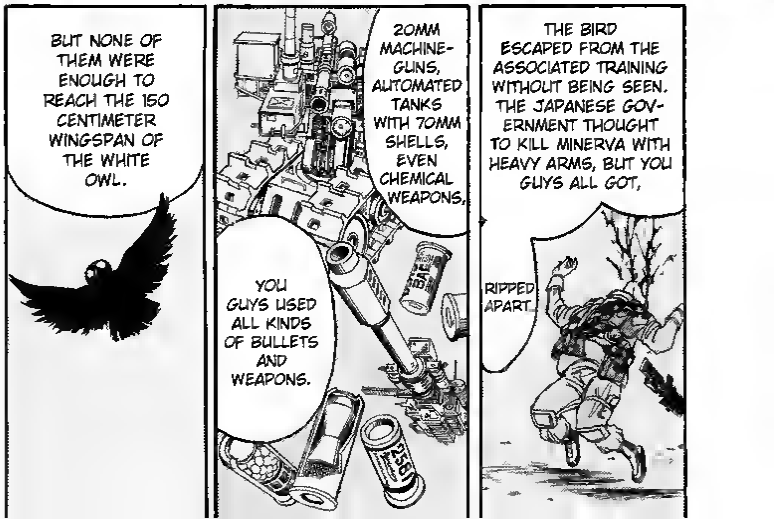
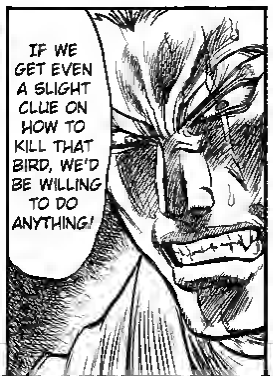

AT THE TIME, WE DIDN'T BELIEVE IN MINERVA, THERE WAS AN ASSOCIATED EXERCISE BETWEEN THE JAPANESE AND AMERICAN ARMY.
…WHAT!?

NEITHER SOCOM NOR THE DEFENCE AGENCY... IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO GET THEM TO BELIEVE IT.
IF YOU ARE LOOKED UPON BY IT, YOU'LL DIE, THAT ONE RULE ...


IT WAS A SPECIAL OPERATION WITH THE ANTI-TERRORIST DELTA SQUAD, THE ELITES.
THAT'S WHERE YOU GUYS CAME IN.


BUT NONE OF THEM WERE ENOUGH TO REACH THE 150 CENTIMETER WINGSPAN OF THE WHITE OWL.
20MM MACHINE-GUNS, AUTOMATED TANKS WITH 70MM SHELLS, EVEN CHEMICAL WEAPONS,
YOU GUYS USED ALL KINDS OF BULLETS AND WEAPONS.
THE BIRD ESCAPED FROM THE ASSOCIATED TRAINING WITHOUT BEING SEEN. THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT THOUGHT TO KILL MINERVA WITH HEAVY ARMS, BUT YOU GUYS ALL GOT,
RIPPED APART.

YES, IT'S LIKE THAT
FINE, THEN LET GO OF ME.

THAT'S WHY WE'RE BOTH HERE RIGHT? TO COME AND MEET UHE!

IF WE GET EVEN A SLIGHT CLUE ON HOW TO KILL THAT BIRD, WE'D BE WILLING TO DO ANYTHING!

SHUT UP, KEVIN!

BUT, IT IS TRUE, RIGHT? THAT HE WAS ONCE ABLE TO CAPTURE MINERVA BEFORE IN JAPAN.
YES, AS IT SAYS IN A DOCUMENT FROM 13 YEARS AGO.
FIRST, THE HUNTER CHALLENGED THE BIRD.
THEN, HE SHOT IT DOWN, THE HUNTER NAMED "UHEI."
GEH! REALLY NOW!
WHY WOULD AN AMATEUR HUNTER BE ABLE TO SHOOT DOWN A BIRD THAT KILLS WITH JUST A GLANCE?
THE OTHER HUNTERS FROM THIS NEIGHBOURHOOD RESPECT HIM A LOT. IT SEEMS THEY CALL HIM...
"SENNIN." (SAGE)
YEAH, WELL,
IT'S THE BIRD THAT WIPED OUT THE DELTA SQUAD YOU KNOW!

WE'RE HERE.
"SENNIN?" WHAT'S THAT? SOUNDS LIKE SOME STUPID MAGICIAN.
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HE'S NOT EVEN HERE IS HE?
EXCUSE US... IS MR. SOMAGUCHI UHEI HERE?
WE ARE FROM THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT

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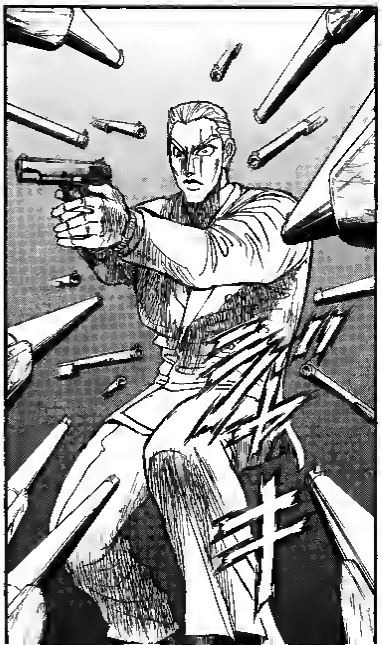

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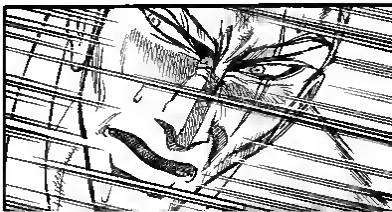

WHAT? I'M AIMED AT FROM EVERY CORNER!?
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! I DIDN'T SENSE ANYTHING!
LEAVE, AMERICAN FOOLS.
EVEN NOW, YOU HAVE THE GUTS TO SHOW YOUR FACES AGAIN.
THE BASTARDS WHO TOOK MY PREY AWAY A LONG TIME AGO.
THE AMERICAN ARMY.
A LONG, LONG TIME AGO.

THAT DAY, THEY MET IN THE MOUNTAINS.
AND A MYSTERIOUS HUNTER.

A LONG, LONG TIME AGO...

THERE WAS A FRIGHTENING OWL THAT CAME TO TOKYO...

EVERYTHING IT LOOKED AT, ANIMALS, HUMANS, IT DIDN'T MATTER. THEY ALL DIED.

AS THE HUMANS WERE IN TROUBLE

THEY SEARCHED FOR HELP FROM A CERTAIN HUNTER

UHEI WAS HIS NAME

Second Chapter: Maiden Embarks Towards the City

THE MAN WHO WAS ABLE TO SHOOT DOWN MINERVA 13 YEARS AGO.

GO HOME AMERICAN FOOLS.
THE PEOPLE WHO TOOK MY PREY AWAY 13 YEARS AGO.
YOU LET HIM GET AWAY? TOKYO IS DONE FOR? GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH ME
Second Chapter: Maiden Embarks Towards the City

IT LOOKS LIKE YOU MISUNDERSTOOD US.
WE'VE BEEN OFFICIALLY REQUESTED BY THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT TO COME HERE.
IT'S ALL WRITTEN IN HERE.
"GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH ME" MY ASS!
FOOLS.
MIKE, STOP IT! DON'T HURT HIM! IF HE'S HARMED WE'LL HAVE NOBODY TO TALK TO!
THIS FUCKING MASK IS GETTING ON MY NERVES!
AND ALSO ...
FUCK THAT! WE'RE THE ONES BEING ATTACKED!

THAT IS THE EXACT SAME BLOOD-LUST AS THOSE WHO TRIED TO KILL THAT OWL.
YOU BRAINLESS FOOL. YOUR BLOODLUST IS ROOTED DEEP. I SEE IT CRYSTAL CLEAR.
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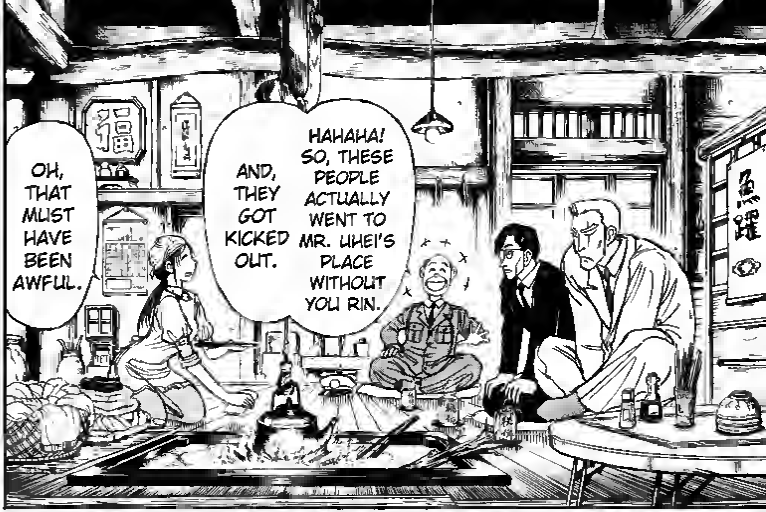
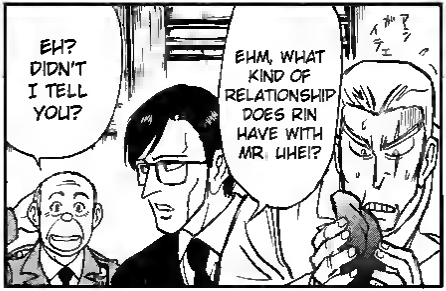
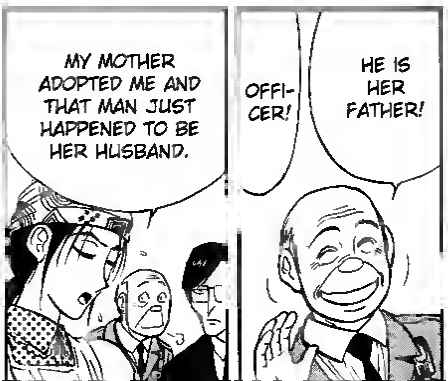
EVEN IF YOU BRING A THOUSAND PEOPLE, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO KILL IT.
THAT BIRD CAN SEE THE PATH OF APPROACHING BLOODLUST.
NOT ONLY THAT, BUT NOW...
...I HAVE NO DOGS.
FUCK OFF.
THERE'S NO WAY TO TALK TO HIM LIKE THIS!
THAT SHITHEAD OLD GEEZER!
BUT, WHAT DID HE MEAN?
I CAN SEE YOUR BLOODLUST CRYSTAL CLEAR.
Cup "Hiden" – Secret (used for Ingredients etc.)


OH, THAT MUST HAVE BEEN AWFUL.
AND, THEY GOT KICKED OUT.
HAHAHA! SO, THESE PEOPLE ACTUALLY WENT TO MR. UHEI'S PLACE WITHOUT YOU RIN.


EH? DIDN'T I TELL YOU?
EHM, WHAT KIND OF RELATIONSHIP DOES RIN HAVE WITH MR. UHEI?

I'M SORRY MR. UHEI GAVE YOU TROUBLE


MY MOTHER ADOPTED ME AND THAT MAN JUST HAPPENED TO BE HER HUSBAND.
OFFI-CER!
HE IS HER FATHER!

NOT EVEN ONCE!
SORRY RIN, BUT WE HAVE ANOTHER FAVOR TO ASK.
OKAAY,
ALSO, THE NUMBER OF TIMES THAT I HAVE CALLED THAT MAN "FATHER,"
I APOLOGIZE FOR THE SUDDEN FAVOR, BUT PLEASE HEAD OVER TO THE TEMPLE.
AGAIN, I'M SORRY. BUT, IT SEEMS THIS CHILD HAS CAUGHT A BAD SPIRIT.
WHAT'S UP WITH THAT WOMAN?
SHE'S A VERY GOOD GIRL ACTUALLY, WAKES UP EARLY AND HELPS AT THE FIELDS,
AND ALSO DOES HER WORK HERE AS WELL. BUT WHEN IT'S ABOUT UHEI-SAN, HER EYES SOMEHOW CHANGE.
THIS PLACE LOOKS DIFFERENT FROM ALL THE OTHER HOUSES HERE.
DOES THAT WOMAN DO SOME TYPE OF SPECIAL WORK?
I DOUBT A FOREIGNER WOULD UNDERSTAND,
BUT SHE IS A SHAMAN, AN "EXORCIST" OF SORTS.
SHAMAN? EXORCIST? WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
IT PROBABLY MEANS SHE'S SOME TYPE OF SPIRIT MEDIUM.

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THE SOUND OF WATER?
BEFORE PERFORMING THE EXORCISM, SHE MUST CLEANSE HERSELF WITH THIS WATER RITUAL.
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I DON'T UNDERSTAND A WORD YOU'RE SAYING!
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HEY, WAIT!
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WHAT'S SHE DOING?
HOPELESS, FOREIGNERS.
SHE'S JUST PURIFYING HER BODY BEFORE PRAYING TO THE GODS.
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HAHA, FIRST TIME I'VE HEARD SOMEBODY CALL HER BY SUCH A PRESTIGIOUS TITLE.
SO, SHE'S LIKE A PRIESTESS OR SOMETHING?
HERE, PEOPLE COME WITH SERIOUS TROUBLES, DISEASES THAT EVEN A DOCTOR CAN'T HEAL. THEY COME HERE TO HAVE RIN PRAY FOR THEIR SAKE.
RIN'S MOTHER ALSO PERFORMED THIS TASK BACK IN HER DAY.

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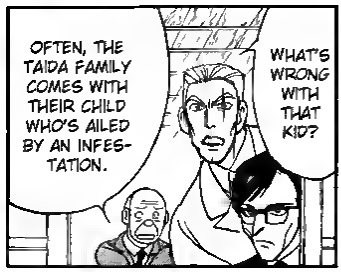
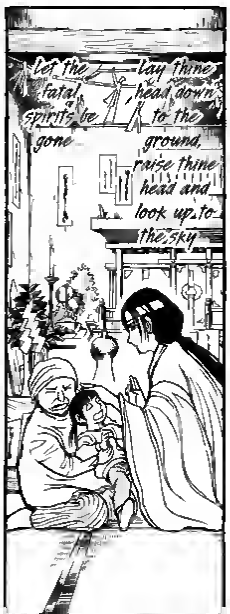
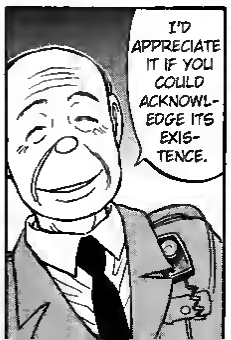
NO, NOT STUFF LIKE THAT. I MEAN INFESTATION BY AN EVIL SPIRIT. THEY COME TO RIN TO ASK HER HELP IN EXORCISING THE EVIL SPIRIT.
INFESTATION? LIKE TAPEWORMS AND PARASITES?


OFTEN, THE TAIDA FAMILY COMES WITH THEIR CHILD WHO'S AILED BY AN INFESTATION.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT KID?

MAYBE YOU DON'T BELIEVE IT, BUT IN THIS COUNTRY, THINGS LIKE THESE HAPPEN


Let the fatal spirits be gone
lay thine head down to the ground, raise thine head and look up to the sky

I'D LIKE TO BELIEVE IT, BUT ....
KEH, THAT'S STUPID


I'D APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD ACKNOWLEDGE ITS EXISTENCE.

Spirits of heaven and earth, with thy divine powers Help this suffering child

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KEVIN! WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO DAWDLE AROUND!
MIKE! THAT'S CONFI-DENTIAL INFOR-MATION!
MISS, I DON'T QUITE UNDERSTAND IT TOO WELL MYSELF, BUT IT'S ABOUT AN OWL THAT CAN KILL PEOPLE JUST BY LOOKING AT THEM!

YOU AND GRAMPS DON'T SEEM TO UNDERSTAND MY TRUE INTENTION, BUT...
I WANT TO ASK GRAMPS TO LEND A HAND.
MR. UHEI WAS THE FIRST PERSON THAT MANAGED TO SHOOT IT. ...WITH THAT BEING SAID,
TOO MANY PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY DIED!
HUH?
HUH?
LET'S TRAVEL TO TOKYO.
I UNDERSTAND.
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HOW CAN YOU SIT IN THIS SHACK SO CALMLY DRINKING TEA AT A TIME LIKE THIS!
DAMN UWE!! THE PEOPLE OF TOKYO ARE DISTRAUGHT BY THAT BIRD WITH THE WICKED EYES!
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I'M GOING TO GO HELP! AND, YOU BETTER COME TOO! YOU HEAR ME?!!!
I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE'S GOING THIS FAR WITH THAT OLD GEEZER
AND WE HADN'T EVEN ASKED HIM TO COME TO TOKYO WITH US ..

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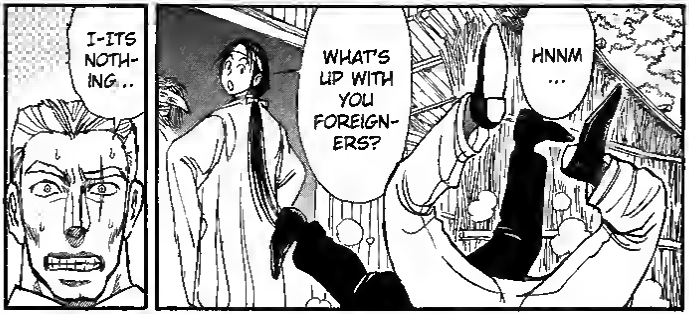
HNNM ...
WHAT'S UP WITH YOU FOREIGN-ERS?
I-ITS NOTH-ING..

MR. UHEI AND RIN ARRIVED IN TOKYO
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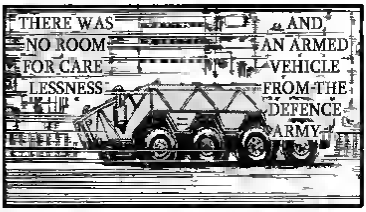
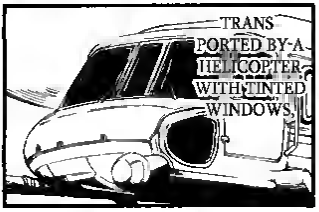
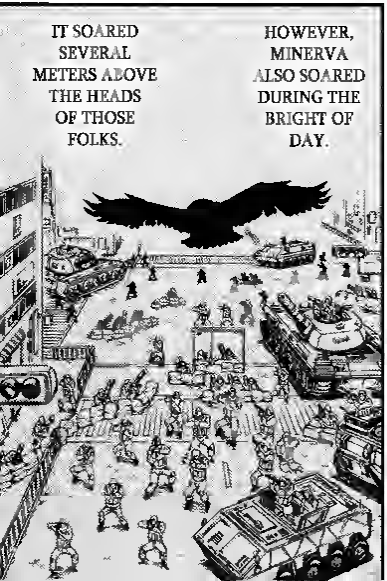
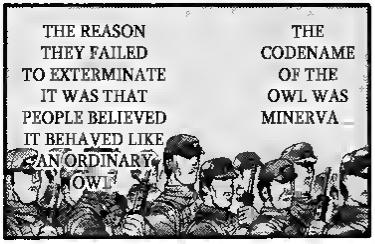
A COUPLE HOURS LATER...

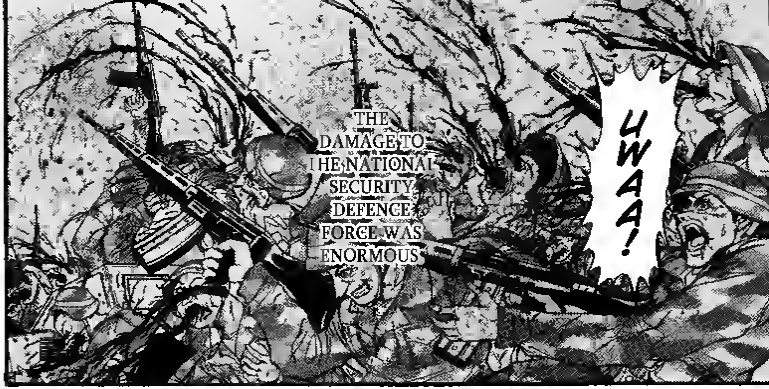

THERE WAS NO ROOM FOR CARELESSNESS
AND AN ARMED VEHICLE FROM THE DEFENCE ARMY

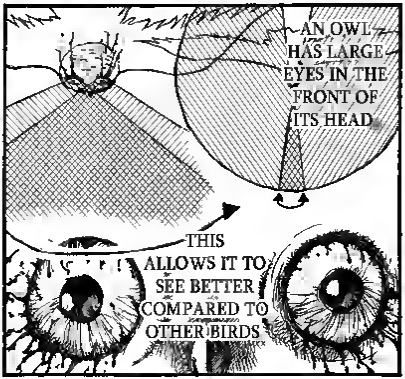

TRANSPORTED BY A HELICOPTER WITH TINTED WINDOWS.


IT SOARED SEVERAL METERS ABOVE THE HEADS OF THOSE FOLKS.
HOWEVER, MINERVA ALSO SOARED DURING THE BRIGHT OF DAY.

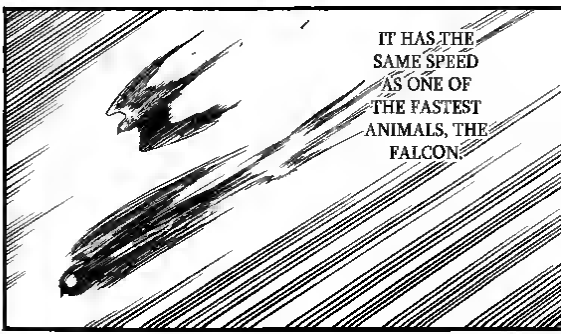

THE REASON THEY FAILED TO EXTERMINATE IT WAS THAT PEOPLE BELIEVED IT BEHAVED LIKE AN ORDINARY OWL.
THE CODENAME OF THE OWL WAS MINERVA.

OR, SO THEY SAY.
OWLS ARE NOCTURNAL AND ONLY HUNT FOR PREY LIKE MICE OR SMALL BIRDS DURING THE NIGHT.

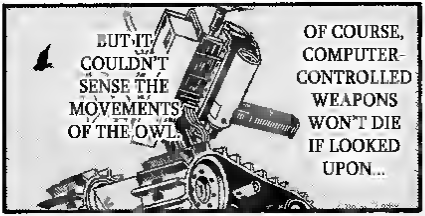


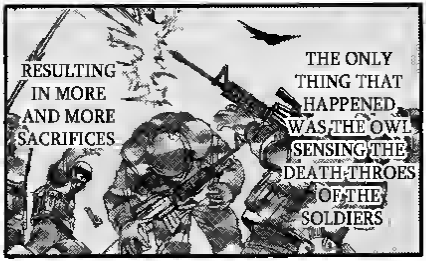


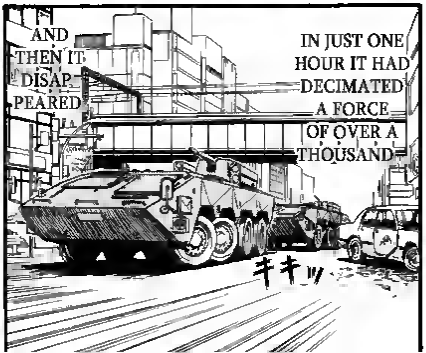
EVEN THOUGH IT HAD THE APPEARANCE OF AN OWL, I WOULDN'T EVEN CALL IT AN ANIMAL ANYMORE



THEY WERE NEVER ABLE TO GET IT.
MACHINEGUNS, HANDGUNS, SMOKE BARRAGES, BUT NO MATTER WHAT THEY USED...
IT'S NO WONDER THE AMERICAN ARMY USED ANTI-AIRCRAFT, INFRARED SENSOR MISSILES, 87-TYPE AUTO-CONTROLLED ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY.


BUT IT COULDN'T SENSE THE MOVEMENTS OF THE OWL.
OF COURSE, COMPUTER-CONTROLLED WEAPONS WON'T DIE IF LOOKED UPON...


RESULTING IN MORE AND MORE SACRIFICES
THE ONLY THING THAT HAPPENED WAS THE OWL SENSING THE DEATH-THROES OF THE SOLDIERS


AND THEN IT DISAP-PEARED.
IN JUST ONE HOUR IT HAD DECIMATED A FORCE OF OVER A THOUSAND.
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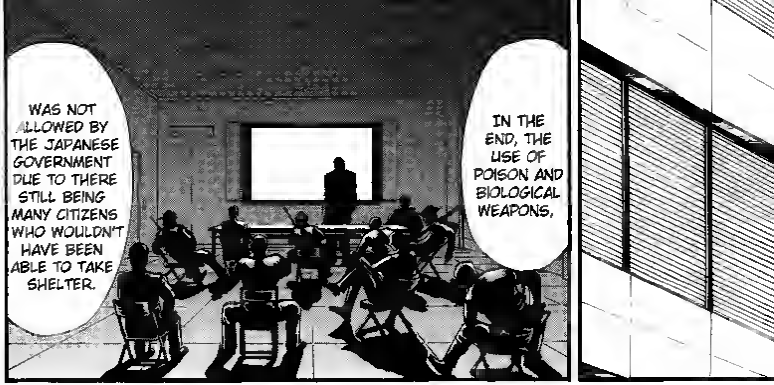
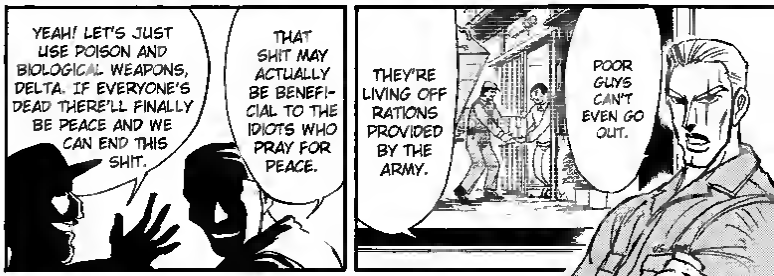

WAS NOT ALLOWED BY THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT DUE TO THERE STILL BEING MANY CITIZENS WHO WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TAKE SHELTER.
IN THE END, THE USE OF POISON AND BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS,


YEAH! LET'S JUST USE POISON AND BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS, DELTA. IF EVERYONE'S DEAD THERE'LL FINALLY BE PEACE AND WE CAN END THIS SHIT.
THAT SHIT MAY ACTUALLY BE BENEFICIAL TO THE IDIOTS WHO PRAY FOR PEACE.
THEY'RE LIVING OFF RATIONS PROVIDED BY THE ARMY.
POOR GUYS CAN'T EVEN GO OUT.

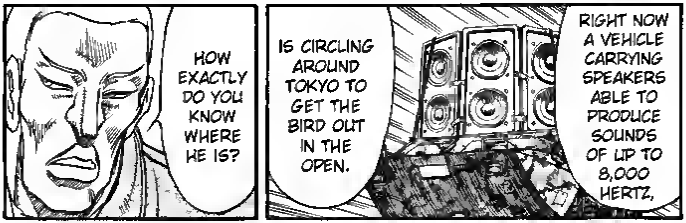
WITH THAT FUCK UP FROM A COUPLE DAYS AGO AND THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ALREADY DEAD, I CAN SEE HOW THE LINE OF COMMAND IS ALSO A PIECE OF SHIT.
HARHAR! GETTING MAD I SEE, MR. JAP SOLDIER.
WHAT DID YOU SAY YOU BASTARD!?

YOU GUYS DON'T WANT TO FURTHER EMBARRASS YOURSELVES.
JUST LEAVE IT TO THE AMERICAN SPECIAL OPS TO TAKE CARE OF
Grr.
NOTHIN' WE CAN DO REALLY THE HEAD HONCHO IS PROBABLY ALSO DEAD YA' KNOW

HAHAHA, WE MADE 'EM RUN AWAY.
OKAY, GOOD WORK.
PLEASE INFORM US LATER, WE'LL THINK OF SOMETHING IN OUR OWN WAY.
THE MISSION YOU ARE ABOUT TO CARRY OUT IS GOING TO BE ONE WITH AN EXTREMELY HIGH DANGER FACTOR.
THAT'S WHY I NEED YOU PEOPLE.
I HAVE NEVER MISSED ONCE.
COMMANDO SQUAD, RECON'S NUMBER ONE SNIPER, DAWKINS.
I'LL SHOOT EVERYTHING.
SWAT'S METROPOLITAN SHARPSHOOT COMPETITION WINNER, GARRISON.

PEOPLE WHO DIE ARE WEAK.
FROM THE NAVY SEALS WHO CAN SHOOT A PERSON'S EARRING OFF FROM A 150 METER DISTANCE, FRANK
OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL WINNER IN SKEET SHOOTING, MORGAN.
VETERAN HUNTER FROM THE ROCKYS, MASTER OF THE GUN, MEDOWS.
MY BULLETS ARE CERTAIN TO KILL.
YOU MUST BE PREPARED TO GO UNTIL THE END FOR THIS ONE. THE NAME OF THE MISSION IS "TWILIGHT FLIGHT."
YOU HAVE BEEN CHOSEN BECAUSE YOU ARE THE BEST SHOOTERS FROM AMERICA, WHICH MEANS YOU ARE THE BEST IN THE WORLD.
FROM THERE ON, EACH OF YOU WILL BE AT STANDBY, AND WHEN THE TIME COMES, YOU WILL SNIPE IT DOWN SIMULTANE-OUSLY
WE WILL LURE OUT MINERVA FROM THE SUBURBS OF THE CITY TO THE TARGET SPOT WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE JAPANESE SELF-DEFENCE FORCES AND THE AMERICAN ARMY.

THE EARS OF THE OWL ARE EXTREMELY SHARP IT PICKS UP EVEN THE SMALLEST SOUND.
THAT'S HOW WE WILL GET IT.
HOW ARE YOU GOING TO GET THAT BIRD INTO PLACE THEN?
THAT'S GOOD, IT'LL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR IT TO KILL US IF IT HAS TO LOOK IN SIX DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS AT ONCE


HOW EXACTLY DO YOU KNOW WHERE HE IS?
IS CIRCLING AROUND TOKYO TO GET THE BIRD OUT IN THE OPEN.
RIGHT NOW A VEHICLE CARRYING SPEAKERS ABLE TO PRODUCE SOUNDS OF UP TO 8,000 HERTZ,

A GPS DEVICE IN MINERVA'S BODY.

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WE IMPLANTED ...
THIS IS TOP SECRET INFORMATION, SO I NEED YOU TO KEEP THIS A SECRET AT ALL COSTS.

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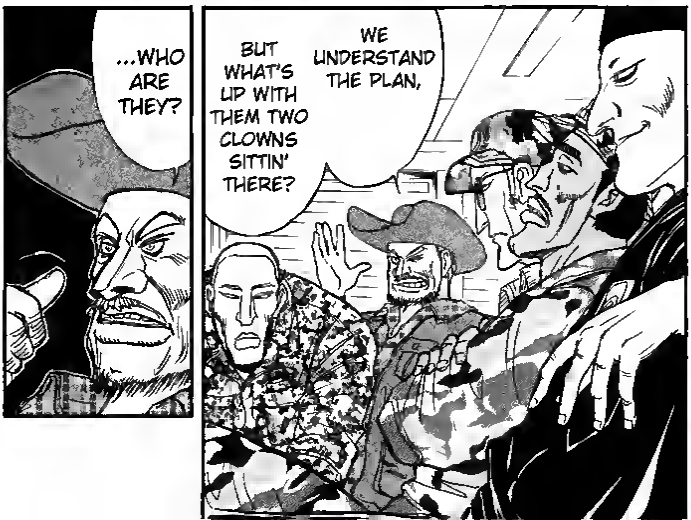
HEH.
IF YOU HAD SOMETHING LIKE THAT, SHOULDN'T ALOT LESS PEOPLE HAVE DIED?
IT MUST REMAIN SECRET.
SO, NOW IT'S ALL UP TO THE STATES' HUH?
AND BY THE WAY, I'VE BEEN WONDERIN' FROM THE START
I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S A JOKE OR SOME THIN'
BUT WHAT'S UP WITH THEM TWO CLOWNS SITTIN HERE?

SO THIS "MINERVA" GETS LURED OUT WITH SOUND AND WHEN ITS POSITION GETS TRACED WITH THE GPS TRACKING DEVICE WE'LL ALL SHOOT IT SIMULTANEOUSLY.
ALRIGHT, MR. DELTA SQUAD AGENT.

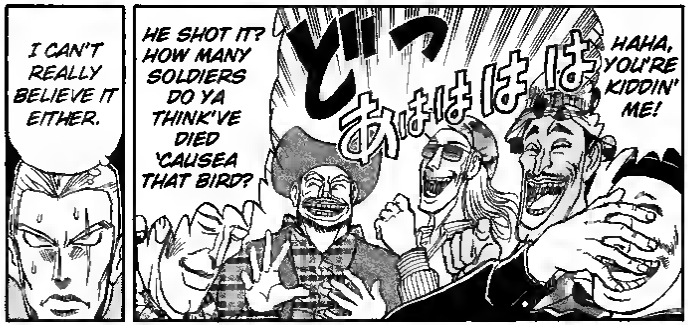
Third Chapter Army In Despair



IT'S BETTER TO SAY NOTHING, RIN.
WELL, ACTUALLY ...

BUT WHAT THE FUCK'S WITH THAT GRANDPA IN THE MASK.
I WAS WONDERING ABOUT THAT TOO. THOUGH THE CUTE GEISHA-GIRL DOESN'T BOTHER ME.

MR. UHEI AND MS. RIN, THEY WERE INVITED TO BE OUR ADVISERS,
MR. UHEI WAS THE FIRST HUNTER TO SHOOT DOWN MINERVA 13 YEARS AGO.


I CAN'T REALLY BELIEVE IT EITHER.
HE SHOT IT? HOW MANY SOLDIERS DO YA THINK'VE DIED 'CAUSEA THAT BIRD?
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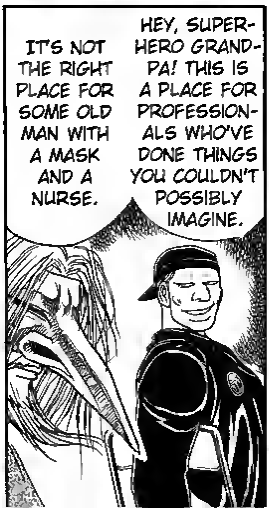
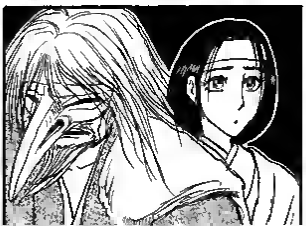
HAHA, YOU'RE KIDDIN' ME!

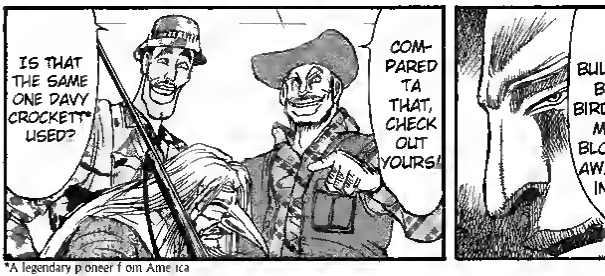
WE'LL GET THAT MIN-ERVA BIRD FOR YA, SO DON'T WORRY AND GO HOME!


IT'S NOT THE RIGHT PLACE FOR SOME OLD MAN WITH A MASK AND A NURSE.
HEY, SUPER-HERO GRAND-PA! THIS IS A PLACE FOR PROFESSION-ALS WHO'VE DONE THINGS YOU COULDN'T POSSIBLY IMAGINE.

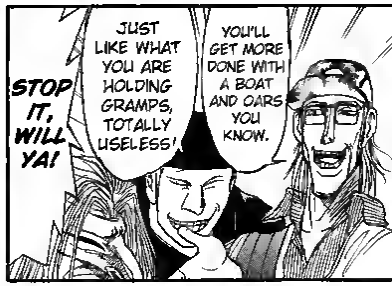
I JUST THOUGHT MAYBE HE COULD TELL US ABOUT MINERVA'S WEAK POINT OR SOME-THING. I DIDN'T EXPECT THEM TO COME ALL THE WAY HERE...

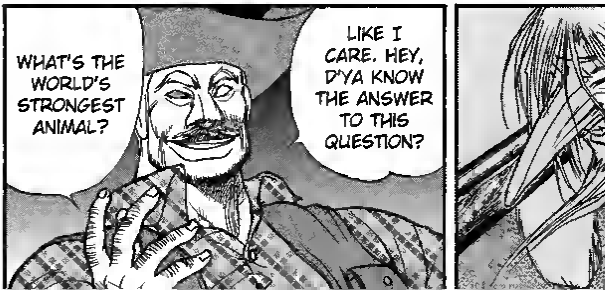


THIS IS A REMINGTON BOLT ACTION SNIPER RIFLE WITH A RANGE OF MORE THAN 300 METERS A GUN THAT MAKES YOU SHIT YOUR PANTS, RIGHT?
EVEN IF IT'S SOME CRAZY MONSTER, WE WILL TEACH IT THAT WHEN YOU GO AGAINST THE ALMIGHTY HUMANS, YOU CANNOT LIVE IN THIS WORLD.

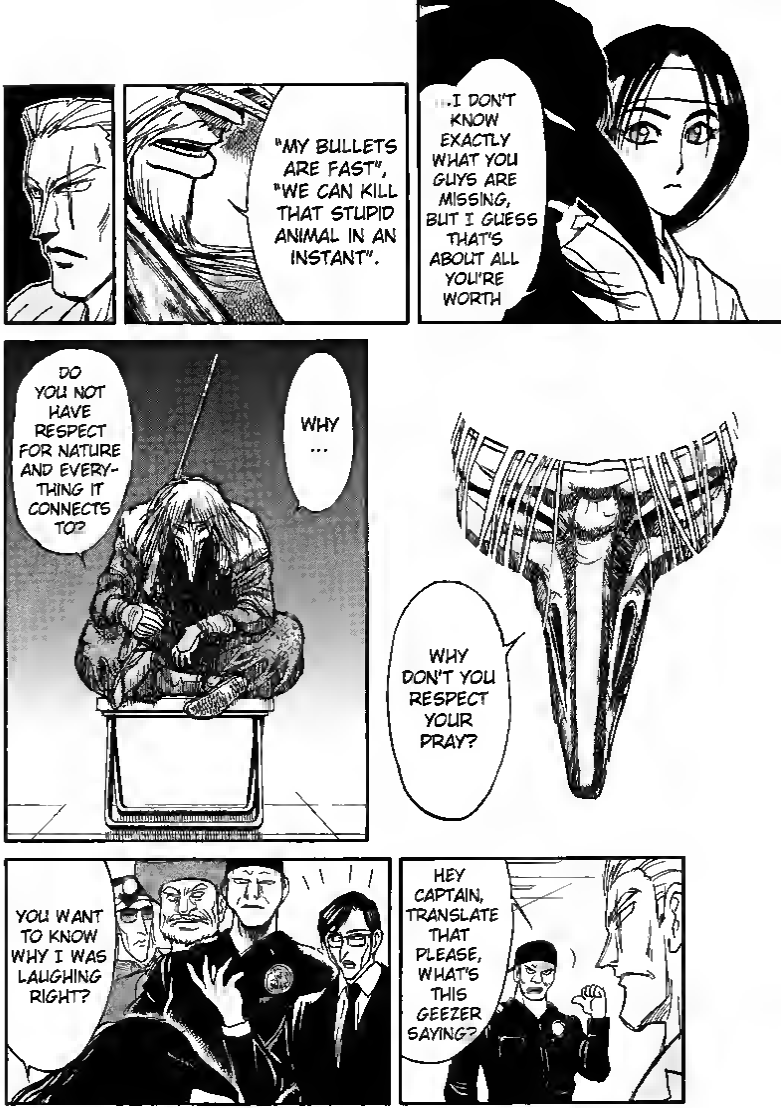

IS THAT THE SAME ONE DAVY CROCKETT* USED?
COMPARED TA THAT, CHECK OUT YOURS!
WITH BULLETS AS BIG AS A BIRD'S HEAD, MY MACH BLOWS YOU AWAY IN AN INSTANT.

*A legendary pioneer from America





THAT'S RIGHT!
A SNIPER HOLDING THE NEWEST RIFLE!
THE ANSWER IS
HEY GRAMPS, YOU WEREN'T FUCKING LAUGHING JUST NOW, WERE YA? HUH, TELL ME MOTHERFUCKER
TALK TO ME, YA OLD FART!


"MY BULLETS ARE FAST", "WE CAN KILL THAT STUPID ANIMAL IN AN INSTANT".
...I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT YOU GUYS ARE MISSING, BUT I GUESS THAT'S ABOUT ALL YOU'RE WORTH
DO YOU NOT HAVE RESPECT FOR NATURE AND EVERY-THING IT CONNECTS TO?
WHY ...
WHY DON'T YOU RESPECT YOUR PRAY?
YOU WANT TO KNOW WHY I WAS LAUGHING RIGHT?
HEY CAPTAIN, TRANSLATE THAT PLEASE, WHAT'S THIS GEEZER SAYING?

NOT ONE OF YOU, WILL BE ABLE TO KILL THAT OWL.
YOU WILL ALL DIE.
WHA...
WHAT'D YOU SAY!? FUCKIN' GEEZER!
I'LL SEAT THE SHIT OUT OF YOU AND THAT PISS-MASK!
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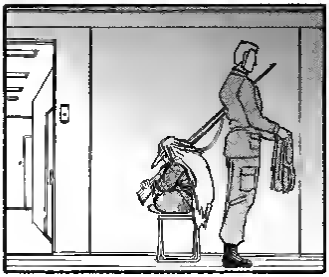
PLEASE FORGIVE HIM!
MY SINCERE APOLOGIES FOR WHAT HE JUST SAID!
"Sorry".
SAY "SORRY"!
I WILL MAKE HIM APOLOGISE RIGHT NOW!
WE'VE ACQUIRED THE LOCATION OF MINERVA!
NEVER MIND AN OLD MAN, HE'S NOT EVEN A MAN AT ALL.
PFF, HE LISTENS TO THAT LITTLE GIRL.

OPERATION TWILIGHT FLIGHT, ALL PERSONNEL REPORT TO POSITIONS.
ALL RIGHT! THAT'S MY PREY!
CURRENTLY IT IS FLYING PARALLEL TO EAST GAIEN STREET– THE FIRST BLOCK OF AOYAMA
HEY GRAMPS, LET US SHOW YOU THE REAL WAY TO HUNT.
W-WHAT!
DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP US?
I'M ALSO HEADING OUT, KEVIN.
BE CAREFUL MIKE, I WILL BE TRACKING ITS MOVEMENTS FROM HERE.
I CAN CANCEL OUT THE CURSE OF MINERVA FOR A SHORT INSTANT.
PLEASE LET ME HELP YOU TOO!

YOU STAY HERE, RIN. DO YOU WANT TO DIE JUST LIKE YOUR MOTHER?
HMPH. JUST AN INSTANT? THAT DOESN'T HELP AT ALL.
I CAME FOR REVENGE!
DON'T INTERFERE! I AM NOT YOU!
FROM THAT DAY, YOU PUT DOWN YOUR GUN— FORGETTING ABOUT HUNTING— FORGETTING ABOUT AVENGING MOTHER! ALL YOU DID WAS DRINK ALL DAY LONG.
AT LEAST IT'S BETTER THAN WHAT YOU'VE BEEN DOING THE PAST 13 YEARS...
What?!
EVEN IF YOU GO, I DON'T THINK YOU'LL BE ABLE TO DO ANYTHING.
REVENGE FOR THE ONE YOU LET DIE WHEN YOU SHOT THAT OWL DOWN, MY MOTHER!

I DON'T HAVE A DOG ANY-MORE.
THE DOG ..
IT'S BE-CAUSE ...
HUNTING, REVENGE HUH...
WHAT-EVER I SAY TO YOU, IT'S ALWAYS THAT!
AGAIN WITH THAT! MY DOG IS GONE, MY DOG ISN'T AROUND ANYMORE, IT'S ALWAYS ABOUT THAT DOG...
HIS HUNTING DOG, IT GOT KILLED BY MINERVA 13 YEARS AGO.
DOG? HE SAID THAT BEFORE RIGHT?
EHH, I...
ENOUGH ABOUT THAT, PLEASE LET ME HELP!
NOTH-ING ELSE TO DO, MIKE.
WHAT? KEVIN.
OKAY, YOU CAN COME WITH ME TO THE COMMAND POST.



ROG-ER.
CAPTAIN, THE SOUND CAR IS ON ROUTE!
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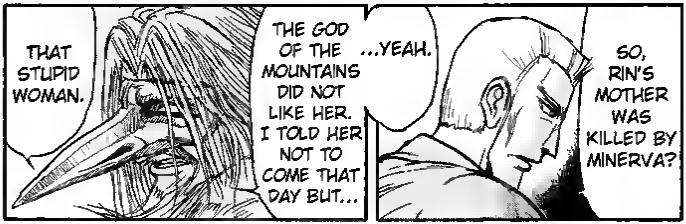
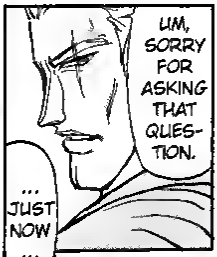

THAT STUPID WOMAN.
THE GOD OF THE MOUNTAINS DID NOT LIKE HER. I TOLD HER NOT TO COME THAT DAY BUT...
...YEAH.
SO, RIN'S MOTHER WAS KILLED BY MINERVA?

YEAH, MY FATHER, WHO'S A HUNTER FROM TEXAS, ALWAYS TOLD ME.

WHEN THOSE PEOPLE MADE FUN OF MY GUN, YOU STOPPED THEM.
AH?

SHE SAID SHE WOULD MAKE ME SHOOT THAT OWL DOWN.

AFTER JOINING THE ARMY I FORGOT ABOUT IT BUT SOMEHOW I JUST REMEM-BERED.
"EVERY MAN HAS HIS GUN, YOU CAN NEVER MAKE FUN OF IT."


UM, SORRY FOR ASKING THAT QUES-TION.
... JUST NOW ...

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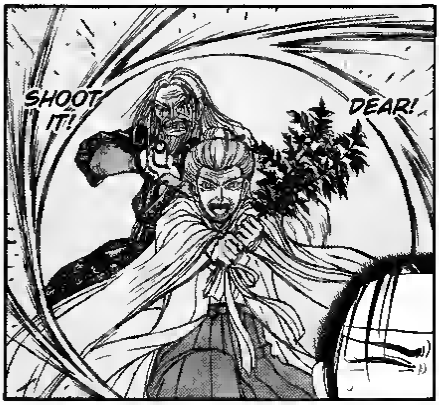
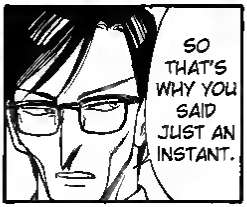
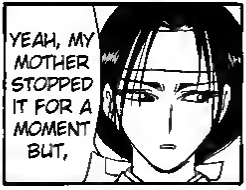
... MMM.
MS. RIN, DO YOU REALLY WANT ME TO BELIEVE THAT?
I AM SOMEONE TAKING CARE OF INFOR-MATION, ANALYSES AND THE LIKE. I AM A RATION-ALIST.
SO YOU ARE SAYING MINERVA'S CURSE IS SOME KIND OF LIQUID POISON NOT SEEN BY THE HUMAN EYE?
YES.
IT'S HARD TO EXPLAIN, BUT IT'S A CURSED-POISON THAT DOESN'T RUN OUT. AND WHEN IT LOOKS AT A PERSON,
THE POISON HAS ALREADY REACHED THEM.
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF SUCH A POISON, EVEN THE RESEARCH TEAM DIDN'T FIND OUT ANYTHING LIKE THAT.
RE-SEARCH TEAM?
UH! EHM, NEVERMIND. SO YOU SAID SOMETHING ABOUT HOLDING OFF THAT CURSE?
PEOPLE LIKE ME, WE ARE CALLED ENICHI. OUR WORK BEING ENICHI-MAIDENS IS TO GET RID OF CURSES.
BUT THAT OWL'S CURSE IS LIKE A SNAKE, SO I CANNOT HOLD IT OFF COM-PLETELY.
A SNAKE ?

YES, FOR EXAMPLE, IF I TRY TO HOLD OFF THE CURSE DIRECTLY,
IT WILL AIM FOR OTHER SPOTS LIKE MY EARS TO GET INTO MY BODY. JUST LIKE A SNAKE.


SHOOT IT!
DEAR!


SO THAT'S WHY YOU SAID JUST AN INSTANT.


YEAH, MY MOTHER STOPPED IT FOR A MOMENT BUT,

ITS HARD … TO BELIEVE ALL OF THIS JUST LIKE THAT …
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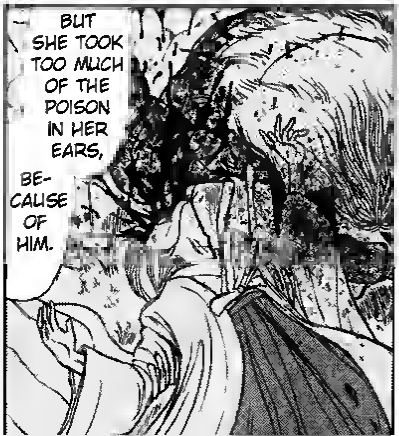
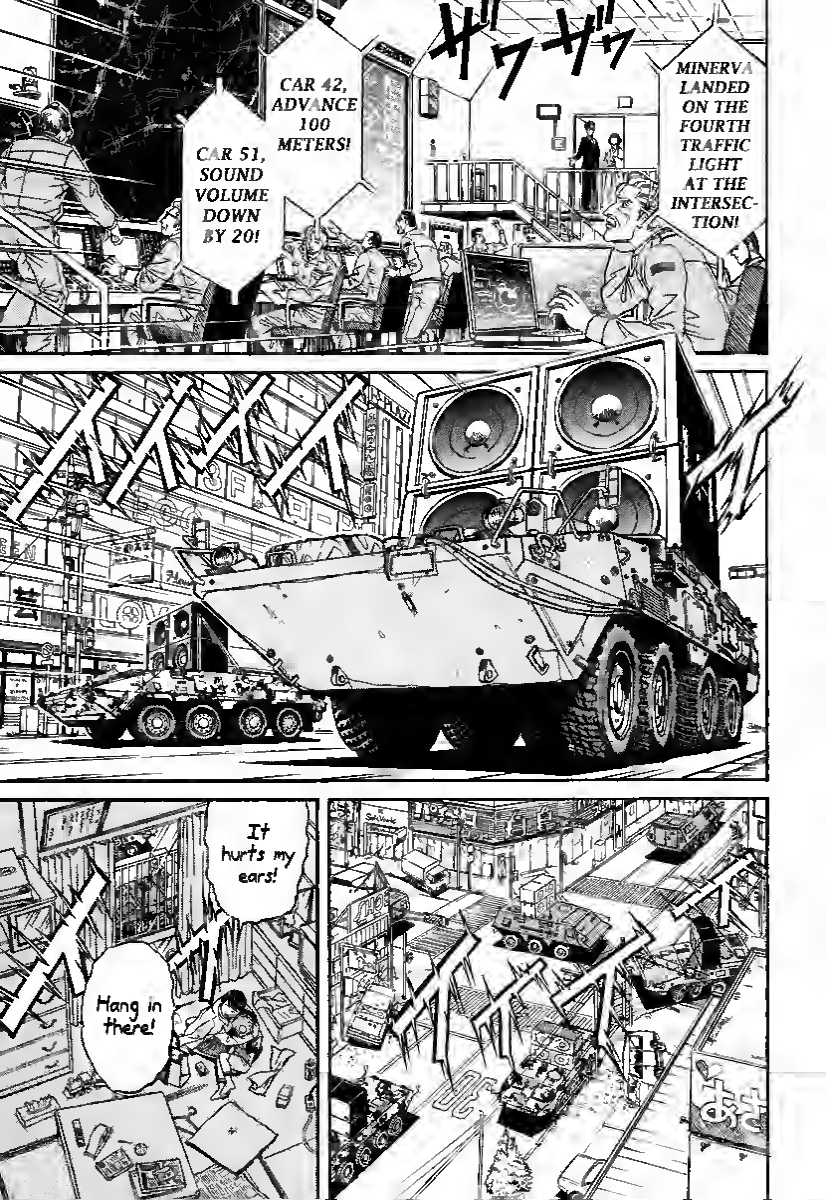

BUT SHE TOOK TOO MUCH OF THE POISON IN HER EARS,
BE-CAUSE OF HIM.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CAR 42, ADVANCE 100 METERS!
CAR 51, SOUND VOLUME DOWN BY 20!
MINERVA LANDED ON THE FOURTH TRAFFIC LIGHT AT THE INTERSECTION!
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It hurts my ears!
Hang in there!
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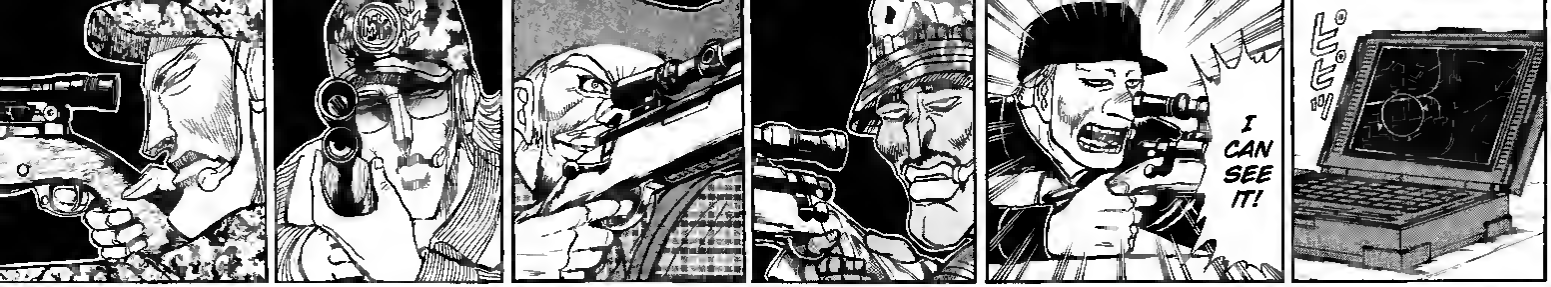
MINERVA IS HEADING FOR THE RIGHT SPOT ACCORDING TO PLAN
IT'S HEADING THERE DIRECTLY.
AT THIS SPEED IT WILL REACH THE TARGET AREA IN TWO MINUTES
ALRIGHT!
ALL THE POSSIBLE HIDING SPOTS ARE SEALED OFF!
DON'T LOSE IT!
WE'RE LUCKY THAT IT'S STILL LIGHT OUTSIDE. WE'LL BE ABLE TO MONITOR IT PROPERLY.
BUT AT NIGHT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A LOT MORE TROUBLESOME.
...YEAH.

SO EVENTUALLY YOU DID COME. WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO GRAMPS?
THIS IS HEADQUARTERS, MINERVA IS APPROACHING AND ALMOST IN POSITION.
THIS IS ALPHA CAPTAIN, I AM IN POSITION.
DELTA. I'LL FINISH IT OFF MYSELF.
THIS IS BRAVO. READY TO GO.
THIS'S ECHO. I'LL GET IT WITH ONE SHOT.
FOXTROT HERE. PREPARATIONS COMPLETE.
CHARLIE HERE. CAN'T WAIT TO SHOOT THE SHIT OUTTA THAT OWL.


I CAN SEE IT!
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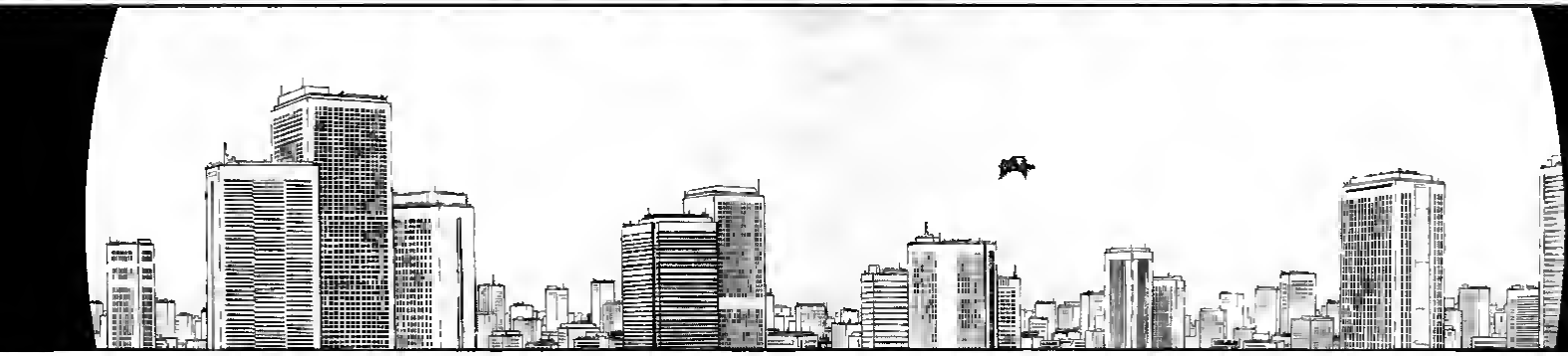

THIS IS BAD, EVERY-BODY HIDE!
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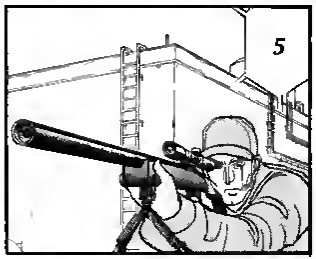
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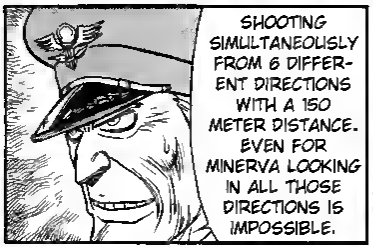
SHOOTING SIMULTANEOUSLY FROM 6 DIFFER-ENT DIRECTIONS WITH A 150 METER DISTANCE. EVEN FOR MINERVA LOOKING IN ALL THOSE DIRECTIONS IS IMPOSSIBLE.

TEN SEC-ONDS!
DON'T BE HASTY, WE'LL GET IT IN ONE VOLLEY.

...NOT GONNA WORK ...

WE WILL DEFI-NITELY SUC-CEED!

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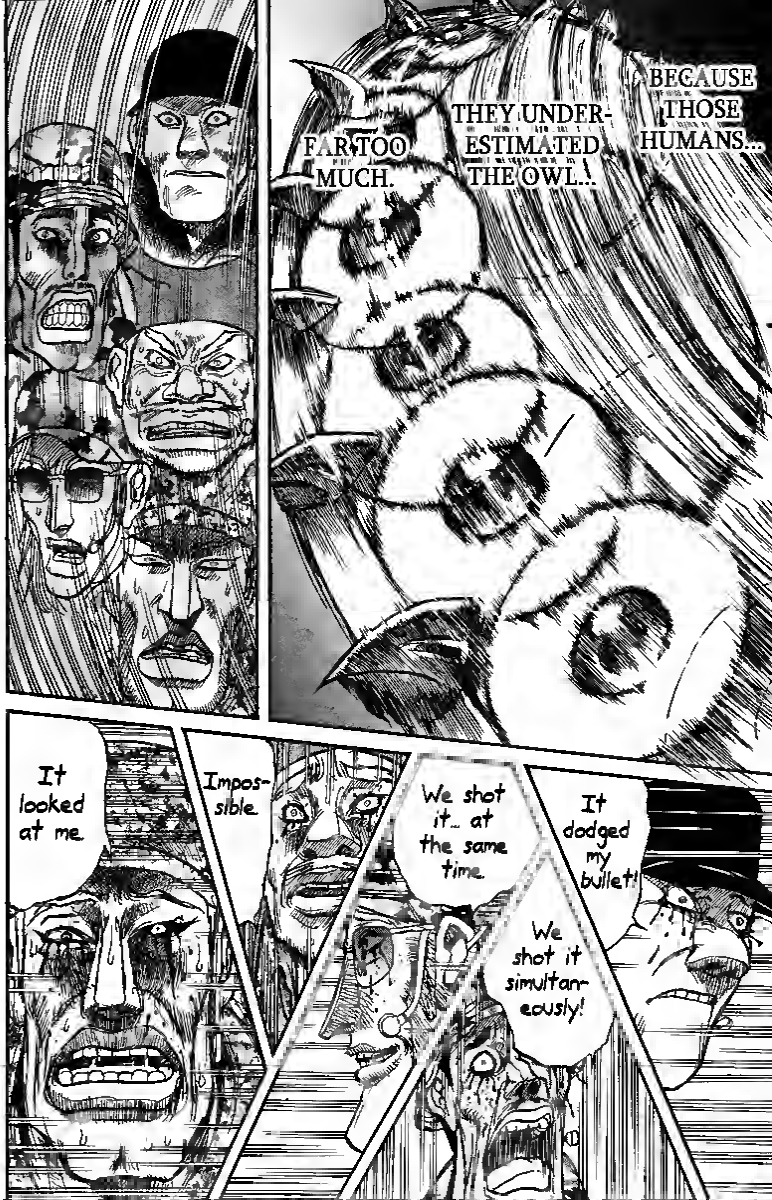
WHAT ARE YOU DOING OLD MAN!
!?
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A SMILE IT SHOWED.
IF MINERVA WERE HUMAN....

THE HUMANS...
THEIR BLOOD-THIRST...
IT WAS A LITTLE...
TOO OBVIOUS.
WAS EASY TO SEE.
THE MURDEROUS FEELING SURROUNDING THE BULLETS...
MADE THE NECK SOFTLY TURN AND EVADE
AND THE OWL'S MANY BACKBONES...


BECAUSE THOSE HUMANS...
THEY UNDER-ESTIMATED THE OWL..!
FAR TOO MUCH.
It looked at me.
Impos-sible.
We shot it... at the same time.
It dodged my bullet!
We shot it simultan-eously!

DELTA, FOXTROT! DID YOU GET IT?
CHARLIE, ECHO! COME IN!
GREESON, DAWKINS, ANSWER ME!
WHAT HAP-PENED?
ALPHA CAPTAIN! WHAT'S GOING ON?
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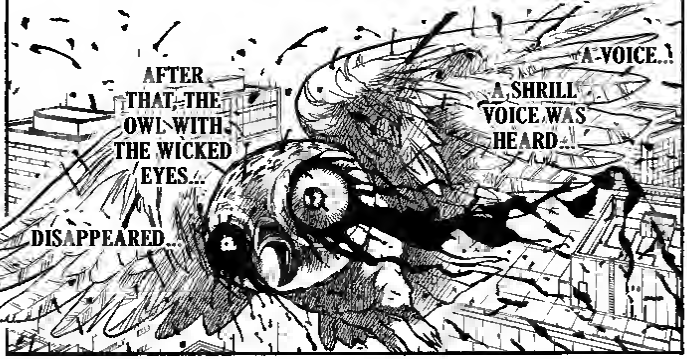

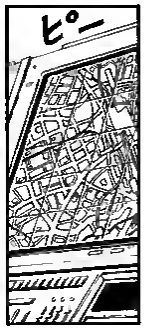

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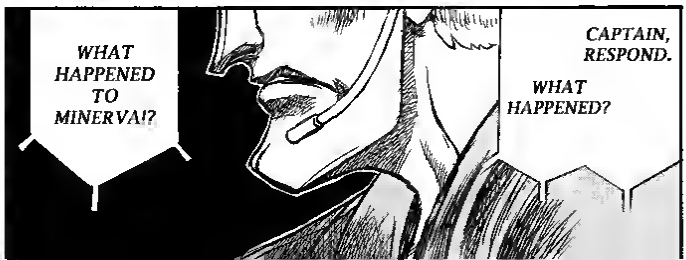

YOU MOTHER-FUCKER! WHY'D YOU DO THAT!
WHY DID YOU GET IN THE WAY OF MY SHOOT-ING!
Fourth Chapter: Agent Fraught With Darkness

HMPH. I JUST HELPED YOU AVOID BECOMING A WORD OF THE MOUN-TAINS.
A WORD OF THE MOUN-TAINS?
IT'S WHAT WE MOUNTAIN PEOPLE USE TO SAY "DIE."

THE REST OF THE GROUP DIED BE-CAUSE OF THAT
THE MOMENT YOU AIM FOR THAT OWL, IT WILL BE ABLE TO FEEL YOUR BLOOD THIRST AND TURN IN YOUR DIRECTION.
WHAT?
...WHY DID YOU SAVE ME?
TO PREVENT THAT, I STOPPED YOU FROM SHOOTING.
THERE'S NOTHING ELSE TO BE DONE.
F-FUCK! NOW WE LOST MINERVA ...
DIDN'T MAKE FUN OF MY GUN.
BECAUSE YOU...
WHAT THE HELL CAN WE DO NOW!

ARE YOU STILL NOT ABLE TO FIND MINERVA?
MAYBE IT HID ITSELF IN SOME CONSTRUCTION BUILDING OR SOMETHING
ALRIGHT, THE AREA IS PRESENTLY BEING SEARCHED ...
...WELL THEN.
UH ... KEVIN-SAN.
SORRY, RIN-SAN, EVERYBODY IS A LITTLE BUSY RIGHT NOW.
WHAT'S WITH THIS GIRL! SHE LOOKS TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM BEFORE.
DON'T YOU HAVE SOMETHING MINERVA LEFT BEHIND?

I WILL TRY TO SEE...
WHERE IT WENT.
...I DON'T KNOW IF IT WILL WORK BUT...
IT'S JUST ONE OF MINERVA'S FEATHERS THOUGH...
..IS THAT... REALLY POS-SIBLE...
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IS THAT TRUE!? THAT'S REALLY WHERE IT WENT!?

I HEARD IT! THE CRYING VOICES OF CHILD-REN!
IN THIS AREA OF THE MAP, IT CAN'T BE ANY OTHER PLACE!
THE CHILDREN'S WARD OF THE SAINT MARLIN HOSPITAL? I CAN'T REALLY BELIEVE IT...
WELL YOU WANNA KNOW WHERE IT WENT, RIGHT?
"THE ARMY SHOULDN'T MOVE OUT JUST BECAUSE OF THAT SO-CALLED SPIRIT MEDIUM GIRL... I WILL GO AND CHECK IT OUT MYSELF" IS WHAT YOU TOLD THE COMMANDER RIGHT?
.....
I STUDIED SOME ENGLISH IN COLLEGE, SO I CAN UNDERSTAND A BIT OF WHAT YOU SAID.
THAT WAS RUDE OF ME.
BUT... I'VE NEVER DRIVEN IN A SPORTS-CAR LIKE THIS.
IT STANDS OUT VERY MUCH SO IT'S DAN-GEROUS BUT..
IS THIS ALSO FROM THE ARMY?
IT'S MINE.
I DIDN'T THINK OF YOU LIKE A PERSON WITH A LOT OF MONEY.
IT'S FAST, THOUGH QUITE NOISY.

CRAWLING ALONG THE GROUND THIS SLOWLY IS INTOLER-ABLE...
CAPTAIN, WE'RE AP-PROACH-ING HQ.
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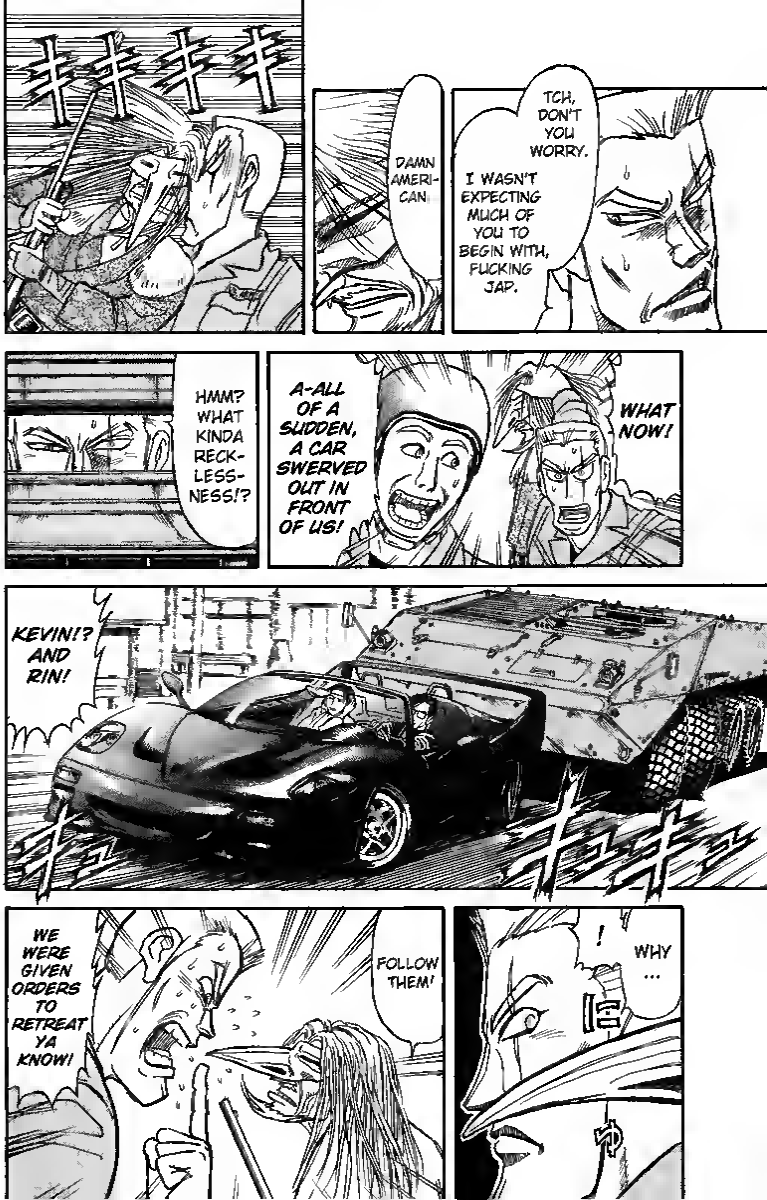
HOW... HOW DO WE KILL THE DAMN THING...?
BEST STAY AWAY FROM IT... WE ALL NEED TO MOVE FAR AWAY FROM THE WICKED EYES
BUT MY DOG..
IS GONE...
YOU OLD COOT! CAN'T YOU SHOOT IT!?
YOU NEED THREE THINGS TO GO HUNTING. A DOG, TWO LEGS, AND A GUN.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DAMN AMERI-CAN
TCH, DON'T YOU WORRY. I WASN'T EXPECTING MUCH OF YOU TO BEGIN WITH, FUCKING JAP.
HMM? WHAT KINDA RECK-LESS-NESS!?
A-ALL OF A SUDDEN, A CAR SWERVED OUT IN FRONT OF US!
WHAT NOW!
KEVIN!? AND RIN!
WE WERE GIVEN ORDERS TO RETREAT YA KNOW!
FOLLOW THEM!
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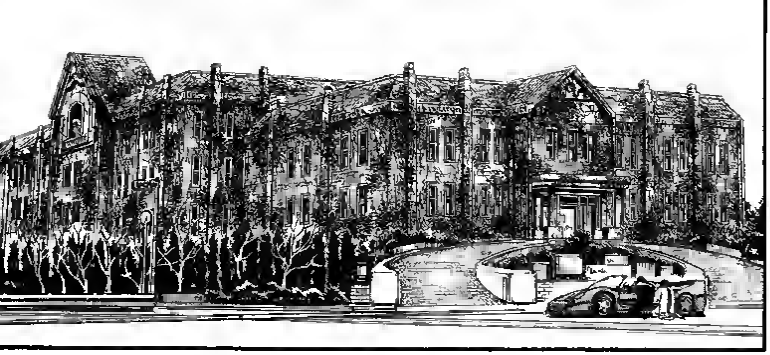
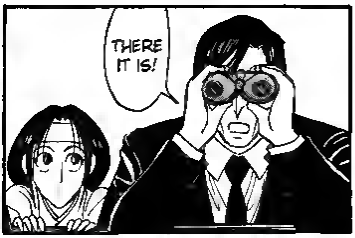
WHY ...

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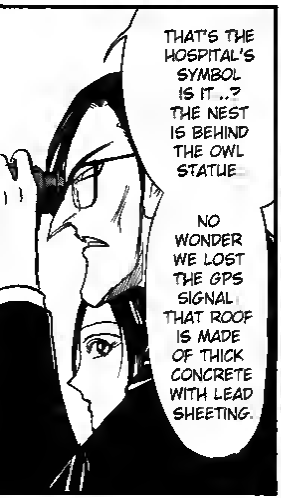
THAT'S THE HOSPITAL'S SYMBOL IS IT ..? THE NEST IS BEHIND THE OWL STATUE
NO WONDER WE LOST THE GPS SIGNAL THAT ROOF IS MADE OF THICK CONCRETE WITH LEAD SHEETING.

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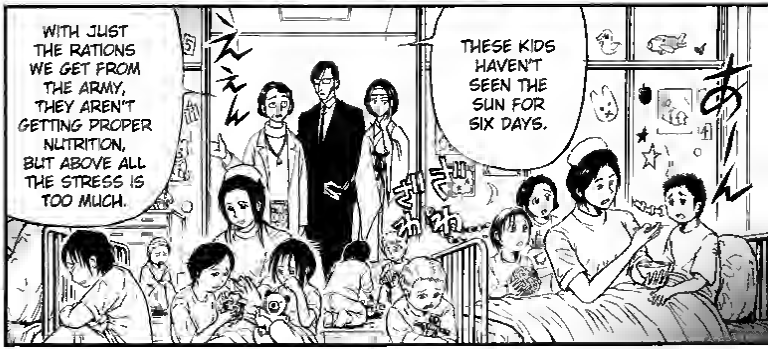
WITH JUST THE RATIONS WE GET FROM THE ARMY, THEY AREN'T GETTING PROPER NUTRITION, BUT ABOVE ALL THE STRESS IS TOO MUCH.
THESE KIDS HAVEN'T SEEN THE SUN FOR SIX DAYS.
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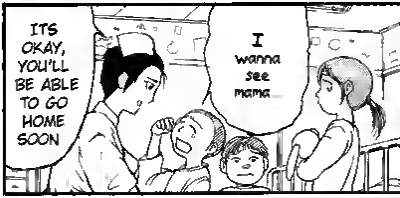
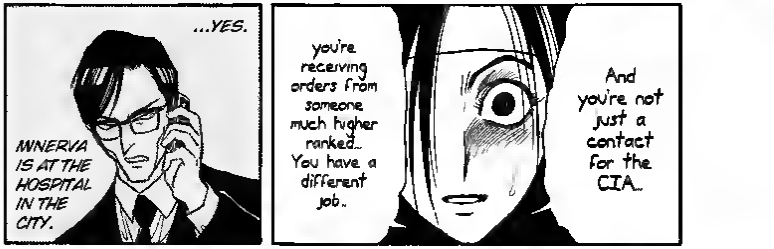
WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT THAT OWL WOULD DECIDE TO MAKE THIS HOSPITAL ITS PLACE TO LIVE.
WE CAN'T GET ANY MEDICINE EITHER. I WONDER HOW LONG THIS SITUATION WILL LAST.


ITS OKAY, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO GO HOME SOON
I wanna see mama...

DAMN, THERE'S NO MORE PROCAIN-AMIDE OR QUIN-IDINE!
DOCTOR, KASUMI-CHAN HAD ANOTHER ATTACK!

ITS OKAY, THE ARMY WILL COME TO RESCUE EVERYBODY.
RIN-SAN.
KEVIN, WERE YOU ABLE TO GET IN CONTACT WITH THE HEAD-QUARTERS?
WE'RE GOING BACK.
BUT, I WANT TO HELP THE CHILDREN A LITTLE BIT UNTIL THE RESCUE COMES.
YOU'D BETTER NOT.
EH? BUT, KEVIN.
AH...

you didn't contact headquarters at all... did you?
Kevin, you...


...YES.
MINERVA IS AT THE HOSPITAL IN THE CITY.
you're receiving orders from someone much higher ranked... You have a different job..
And you're not just a contact for the CIA..

MAKE SURE YOU UTTERLY DESTROY MINERVA!
IS THAT SO.
LEAVE NO TRACE!

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YOU SHOULD STOP TALKING NOW.
IT SEEMS YOU REALLY DO HAVE SUPER-NATURAL POWERS.
I READ ABOUT THE POWERS OF THE MAIDEN IN THE REPORTS. BUT I HAD DOUBTS.
. WHAT REPORT?
THE RESULTS OF THE RESEARCH THAT THE CIA DID ON YOUR MOTHER . THOUGH IT SEEMS YOU TWO ARE NOT BLOOD RELATED...
SOMEHOW, YOUR MOTHER WAS ABLE TO FEEL THE HEART OF MINERVA...
AND IT SEEMS YOU ARE EVEN ABLE TO UNDERSTAND MINE AS WELL...
I already thought it was weird that that owl had a transmitter implanted in it but.
What exactly were America's plans with Minerva
SO YOU KNOW THAT MUCH...
GO OUT-SIDE.

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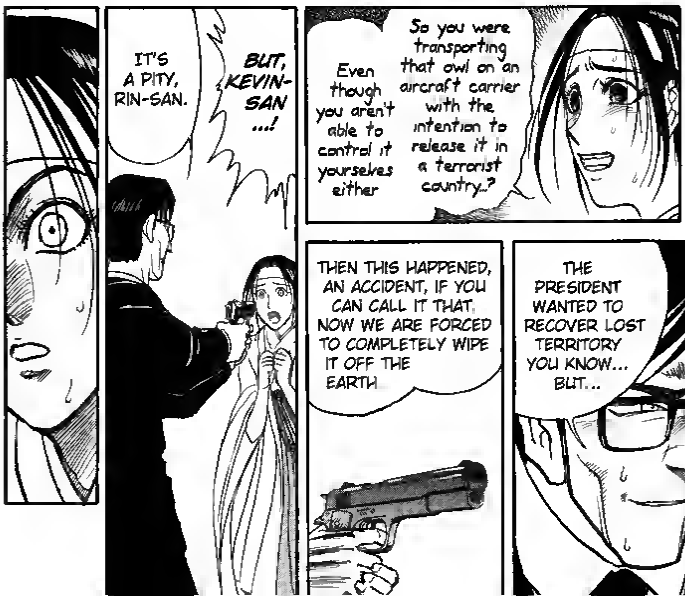
BETTER THAN NEUTRON BOMBS OR BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS, MINERVA IS ABLE TO KILL MASSES OF PEOPLE AT ONCE — LEAVING NO ONE ALIVE. PEOPLE WOULDN'T EVEN KNOW WHAT HIT THEM.
THAT MINERVA IS THE ULTIMATE WEAPON YOU SEE.


IT'S A PITY, RIN-SAN.
BUT, KEVIN-SAN ...!
Even though you aren't able to control it yourselves either
So you were transporting that owl on an aircraft carrier with the intention to release it in a terrorist country..?
THEN THIS HAPPENED, AN ACCIDENT, IF YOU CAN CALL IT THAT. NOW WE ARE FORCED TO COMPLETELY WIPE IT OFF THE EARTH.
THE PRESIDENT WANTED TO RECOVER LOST TERRITORY YOU KNOW... BUT...

MIN-
ERVA!
LOOK
THIS
WAY!
IT'S
GOING
TO...
WHA?
DUCK!

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A BIT OF POI-SON GOT IN MY EYES
I BARELY MANAGED TO DEFLECT IT, BUT...
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SHIT!
H-HEY!
Its coming back
IT'LL GET US!
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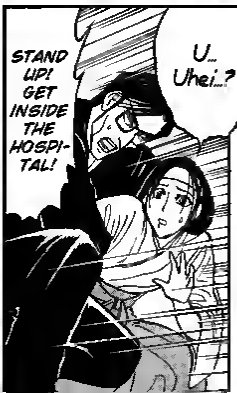
U... Uhei...?
STAND UP! GET INSIDE THE HOSPI-TAL!

YOU'RE ONE CRAZY OLD MAN YOU ARE, IT ALMOST LOOKED AT US!

MIKE.
AH...

MORE IMPORTANTLY!

OHH, IS THAT SO!
Oh, and you AREN'T a senile old man?
DON'T TREAT ME LIKE SOME SENILE OLD MAN, I COULD HAVE JUMPED BY MYSELF YOU KNOW!

KEVIN, YOU MOTHER-FUCKER!
THE OLD MAN ORDERED ME TO FOLLOW YOU TWO.
Mike, good job finding out where we were.
I DIDN'T LIKE YOUR ATTITUDE FROM THE GET GO.
IT'S NOT JUST THE CIA WHO CAN USE THOSE KIND OF THINGS.
You were tapping me_?
THAT, AND!
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SO.. YOU HEARD THE CONVER-SATION WITH RIN THEN, HUH...

ARE YOU OKAY?
RIN!
THANKS TO YOU...
...I SEE...
Y-YEAH, THE CURSE DIDN'T AFFECT ME THAT MUCH SO ITS FINE...
TELL ME! NOW THAT THE SNIPERS FAILED, WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO!?
SOMEONE WHO'S TRAINED TO DO ANYTHING HE'S ASKED.
YOU'VE BEEN SENT HERE STRAIGHT FROM THE WHITE HOUSE!
Fa... Fath...
MOTHER-FUCKER! YOU BEING SENT HERE BY THE CIA TO HELP DESTROY MINERVA WAS A LIE WASN'T IT!

A MISSLE.
W-WHAT?
HE PLANS TO SHOOT A MISSILE RIGHT AT IT. ISN'T THAT RIGHT, KEVIN-SAN?
I SAW IT WHEN I LOOKED IN HIS HEART THIS HOSPITAL, HERE, WHERE MINERVA LIVES...
A MISSILE, FIRED IN ERROR BY A LONE SOLDIER, REGARDLESS OF THE HUMAN SACRIFICE ...
SO WHAT WILL YOU DO, MIKE? IT'S 5PM ALREADY. IN TEN MINUTES ...
HIS BACK IS NOW COMPLETELY AGAINST THE WALL.
Even without the patients... a military action like that in the capital city of Japan..
WILL BE FLYING THIS WAY.
BACK HOME, THE SECRETARY OF STATE LEAKED SOMETHING TO THE PRESS YESTERDAY. ABOUT HOW THE PRESIDENT WAS SENDING THE EVIL EYES TO THE MIDDLE EAST AS A WEAPON.

But,
Not this... not this time...
Da-damn... I'm a Delta.
I've executed a lot of wicked orders
WHAT ARE YOU BLAB-BERING ABOUT?
ISN'T THIS THE WAY YOU DO THINGS?
UHEI!
DO SOME-THING!

I'LL BE-COME IT FOR YOU.
A DOG OR ANY-THING ELSE,
YOU CAN HUNT THE OWL IF YOU WISH... BUT, FOR ME,
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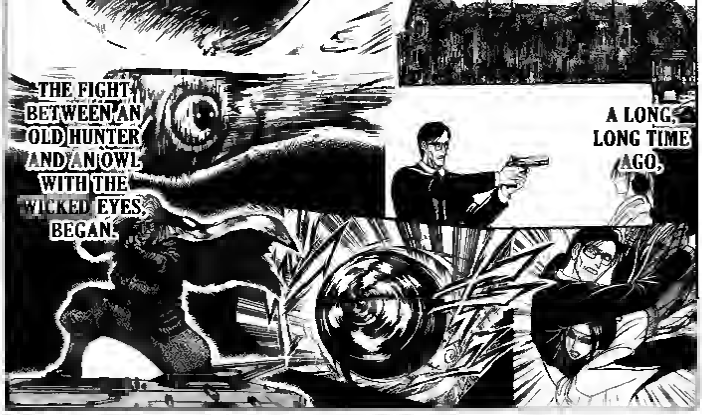
I'LL BE-COME IT!
I DON'T HAVE THE DOG.
WELL.
ITS SETTLED THEN.



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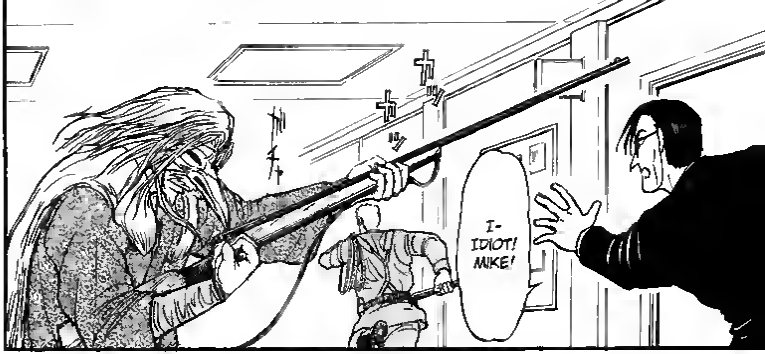
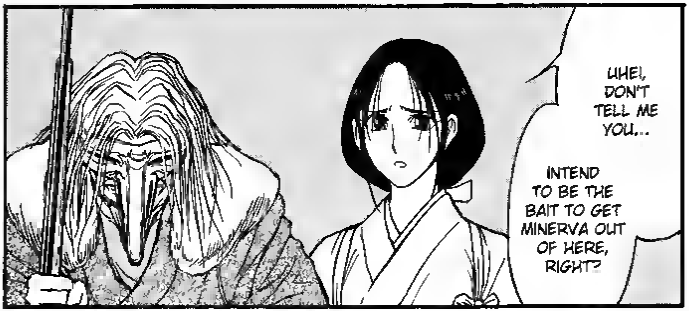
WAS TOKYO,
THE CITY
WHERE NO
ONE MOVED,
WHERE NO
ONE WAS.

WAS MINERVA SURPRISED BY UHEI'S SHOT JUST NOW? IT'S GETTING FURTHER AWAY.
SHE KNOWS MIKE, SHE KNEW IT LIVED HERE IN THIS HOSPITAL TOO.
KEVIN
BY THE WAY, THE MISSILE WILL BE HERE IN 7 MINUTES
HEY MISSY, HOW CAN YOU KNOW THAT?
BUT IT'LL COME BACK SOON ENOUGH.

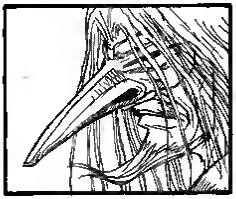
IF MINERVA RETURNS, THE PLAN WILL PROCEED.
WE PROBABLY WON'T BE ABLE TO EVACUATE ALL THE PATIENTS HERE.
GRAMPS, I'LL GO GET IT
OKAY.
?
WHAT? WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO GET?
ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS GET THE BIRD AWAY FROM HERE AND KILL IT RIGHT?
HOW? AND WHO WILL KILL IT?
I'LL BET IT ALL ON THE OLD MAN.
THE ODDS ARE AGAINST ME THOUGH.

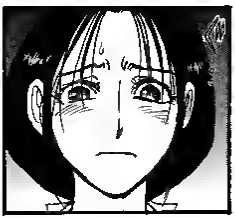

I-IDIOT! MIKE!


UHEI, DON'T TELL ME YOU...
INTEND TO BE THE BAIT TO GET MINERVA OUT OF HERE, RIGHT?

FROM THE START ...

SERI-OUSLY ...
WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU GET LOOKED AT EVEN JUST A LITTLE!?
THAT'S NOT GOOD! YOU KNOW THAT, RIGHT?





FROM THE START, ALL I'VE BEEN GOOD FOR IS BAIT.
...
RIN, LIKE YOU SAID BEFORE. I AM A GOOD FOR NOTHING.
I WENT TO LIVE THE DIFFICULT LIFE OF THE MOUNTAINS,
AND REFUSED TO LISTEN TO MY WIFE'S ONLY WISH..
NOT BLESSED WITH CHILDREN OF OUR OWN,
GRANDMA WANTED AT LEAST TO ADOPT A CHILD, BUT... I WAS STILL YOUNG..
"RAISE SOMEONE ELSE'S CHILD!?" I YELLED AND LEFT HER ..

YOU HAVE BECOME A GOOD DAUGHTER.
AFTER GRANDMA DIED... SAYING THIS NOW IS TOO LATE, I KNOW, BUT..
RIN.
UHE! ...
NOW I CAN HAPPILY BECOME "A WORD OF THE MOUNTAINS".
I WAS HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO PROTECT YOU.
GRAMPS, GET TO THE CAR!
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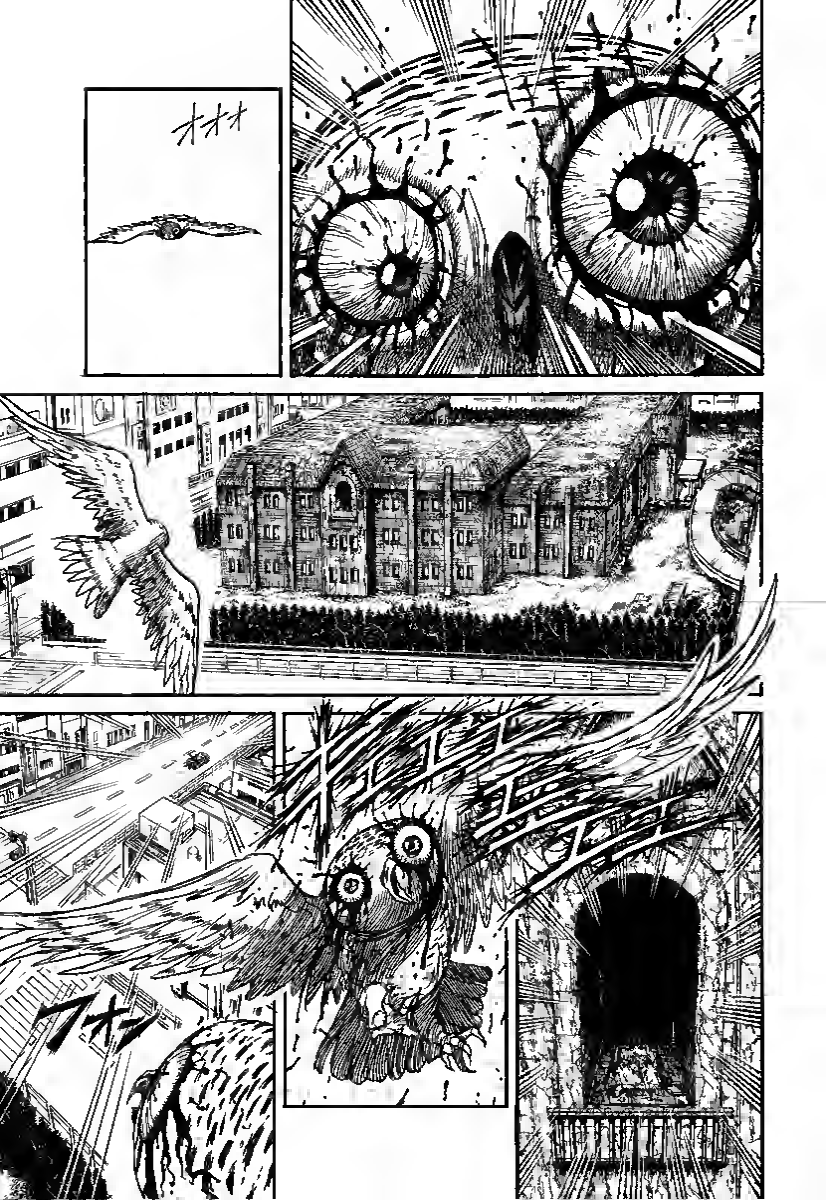
You— are you saying you came here to protect me?

THE GPS SAYS MINERVA IS HEADED THIS WAY!
AND THIS SHIT IS HEAVIER THAN I IMAG-INED!
WAIT!
OKAY!
I'LL GO TOO, I CAN REJECT THE CURSE!
UHEI, THERE'S NO POINT IN YOU BEING THE BAIT IF I'M NOT THERE.
DON'T TOUCH MY GUN.

H-hey
YOU ARE NOT COMING.
woof!
HEY, WE'RE GOING, DOG.
SORRY KEVIN, BUT WOULD YOU PLEASE BE SO KIND AS TO LET HER SLEEP HERE?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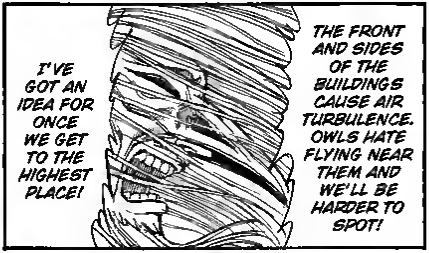
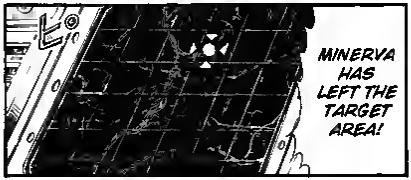
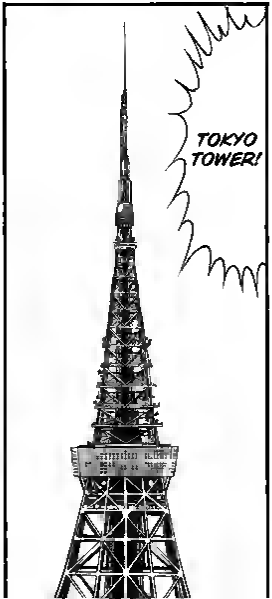
BUILDINGS, GO TO A PLACE WITH A LOT OF TALL BUILDINGS!
OKAY, IT'S COMING GRAMPS.
WHERE WE GOING?

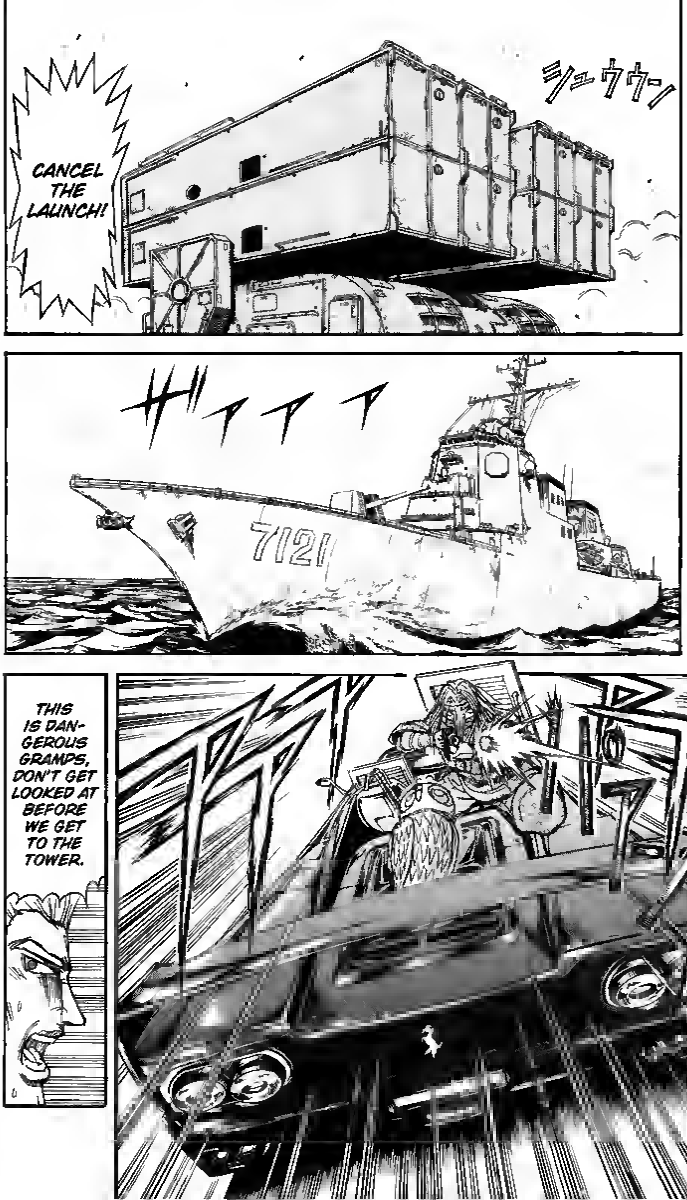
IN THIS AREA... THE HIGHEST PLACE IS...


I'VE GOT AN IDEA FOR ONCE WE GET TO THE HIGHEST PLACE!
THE FRONT AND SIDES OF THE BUILDINGS CAUSE AIR TURBULENCE. OWLS HATE FLYING NEAR THEM AND WE'LL BE HARDER TO SPOT!


MINERVA HAS LEFT THE TARGET AREA!


TOKYO TOWER!

CANCEL THE LAUNCH!
OUR AGENT REPORTS THAT IT IS PURSUING A MOVING TARGET!


CANCEL THE LAUNCH!
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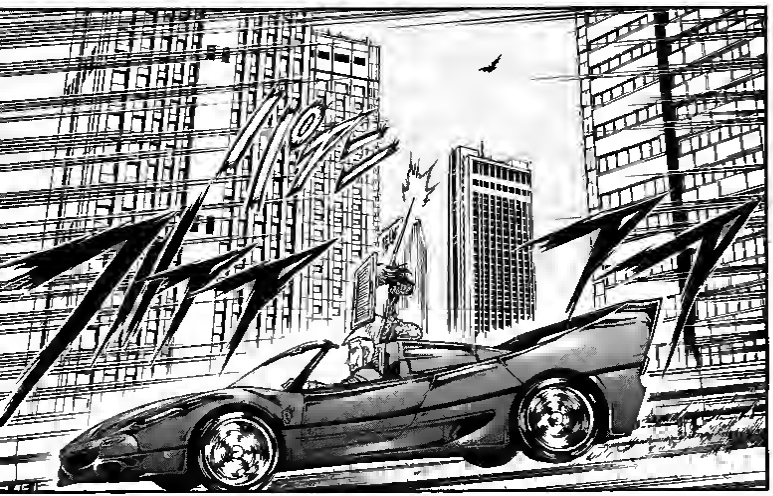
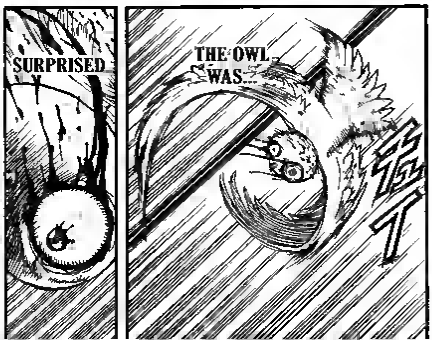
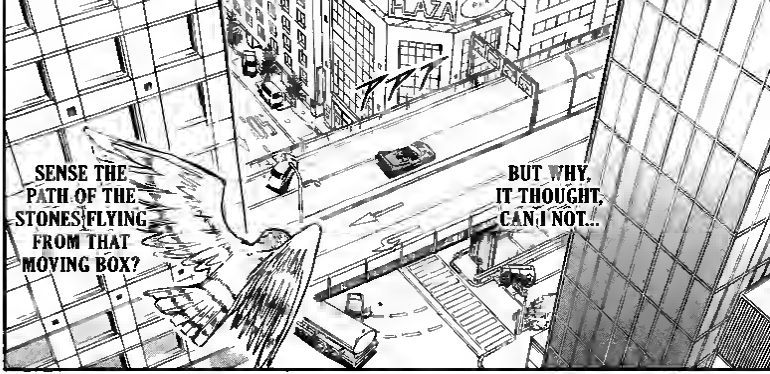
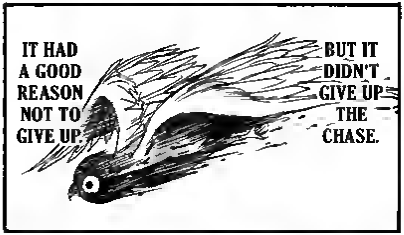
THIS IS DANGEROUS GRAMPS, DON'T GET LOOKED AT BEFORE WE GET TO THE TOWER.

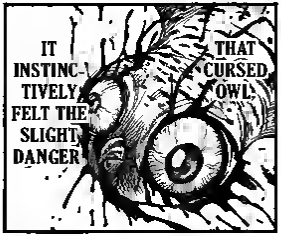


IT COULD USUALLY SENSE THE PATH OF THE HARD STONES FIRED FROM THE THUNDEROUS STICKS THAT THE HUMANS POINTED. IF ONLY IT COULD SENSE THE PATH OF THESE.



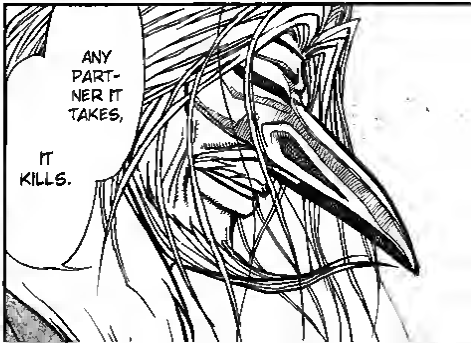

SENSE THE PATH OF THE STONES FLYING FROM THAT MOVING BOX?
BUT WHY, IT THOUGHT, CAN I NOT...


IT HAD A GOOD REASON NOT TO GIVE UP.
BUT IT DIDN'T GIVE UP THE CHASE.


IT INSTINCTIVELY FELT THE SLIGHT DANGER
THAT CURSED OWL.

IT'S THE CURSED OWL. EVERY LIVING THING IT LOOKS AT DIES.
THAT INCLUDES OTHER OWLS.
HOW THE HELL DID YOU KNOW IT'D FOLLOW THE OWL STATUE!?

HERE YA GO, HOT TEA.
AH, YOU'RE HOME!


ANY PARTNER IT TAKES,
IT KILLS.

I GET IT THIS STONE OWL'S THE ONLY ONE... THAT CAN SURVIVE THOSE EYES...
IT SEES IT AS A LOVER OR SOME-THING... EVEN THOUGH IT'S AN ANIMAL
YOUNG 'UN, MAN AND BEASTS AIN'T SO DIFFER-ENT
TAKING THE NEXT TURN!
WAIT, I FEEL SOME-THING ...
SHIT! IT CUT US OFF...

TURN!
OHH!!

IT'S FOL-LOW-ING?
CORRECT!
DAMN!

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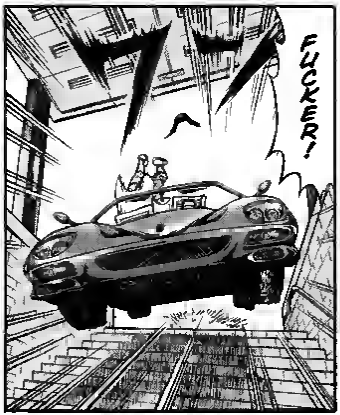
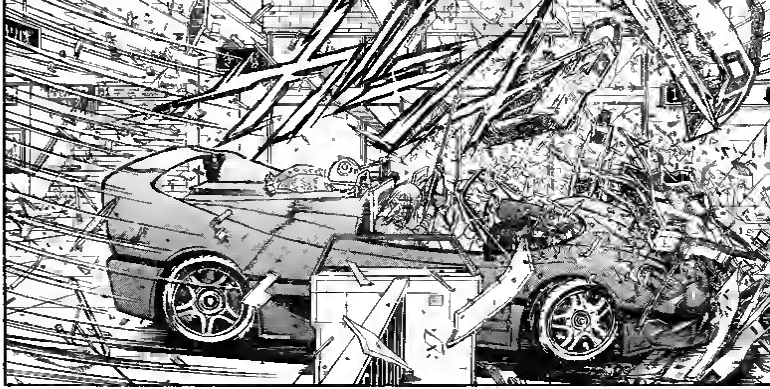
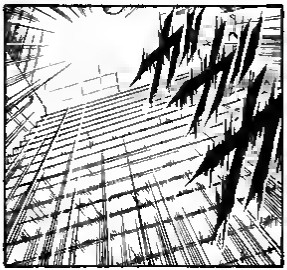
SUBWAY


FUCKER!





AH JEEZ, WHY DO YOU HAVE TO HAVE THAT SINGLE-SHOT GUN.
YOU CAN'T EVEN BURST FIRE!
CAN'T CHANGE THAT NOW, CAN WE!

DAMN IT ALL!
GRAMPS, SHOOT WITH THIS.
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Jesus trying to hit it with a non-automatic rifle...!
I DON'T LIKE HANDGUNS, I MISSED EVERY SHOT.
ARE YOU REALLY A FAMOUS HUNTER OR WHAT?
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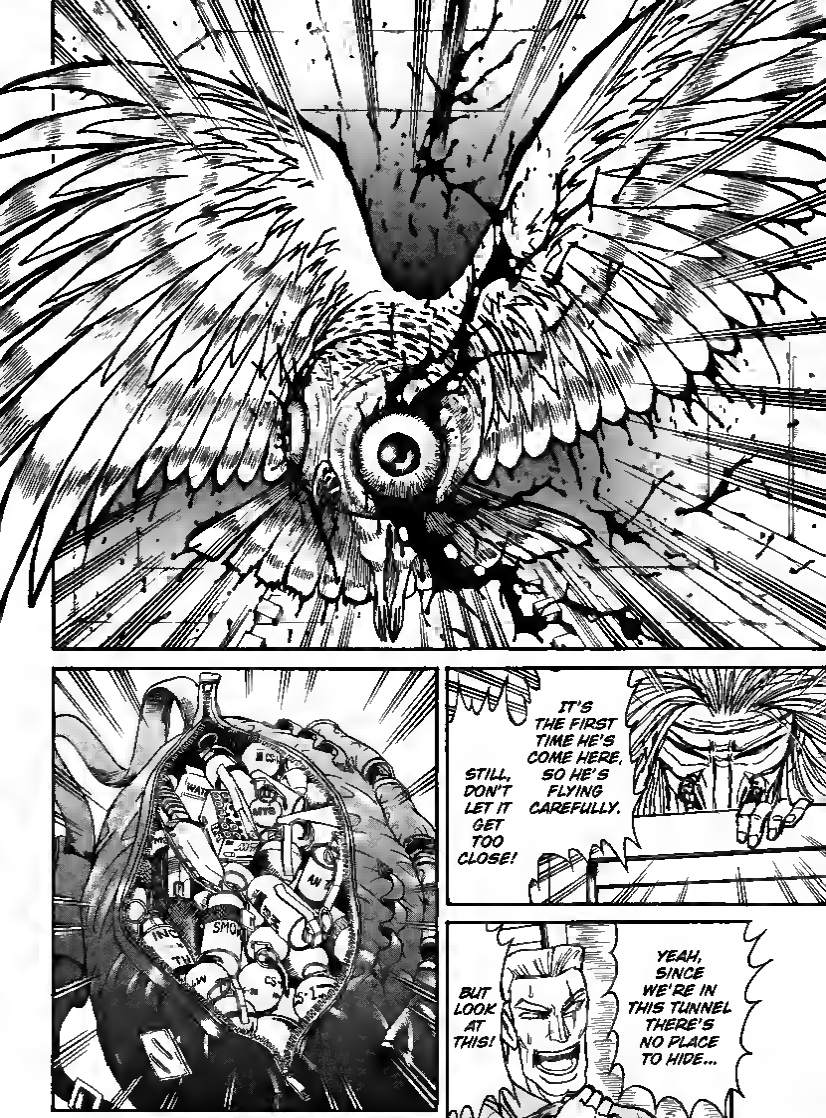

IT'S THE FIRST TIME HE'S COME HERE, SO HE'S FLYING CAREFULLY.
STILL, DON'T LET IT GET TOO CLOSE!
YEAH, SINCE WE'RE IN THIS TUNNEL THERE'S NO PLACE TO HIDE...
BUT LOOK AT THIS!

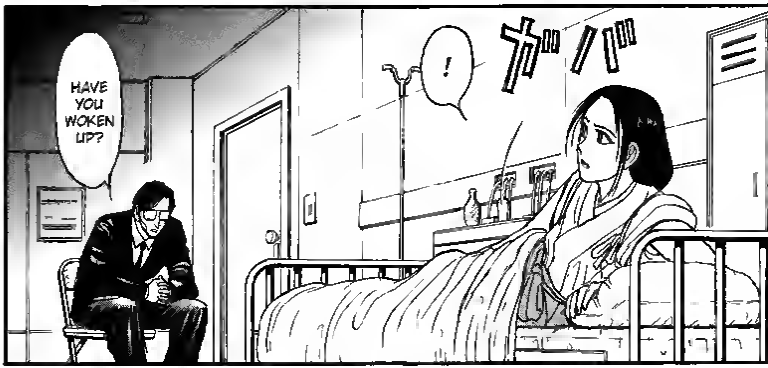
IF WE LET IT GET CLOSE ENOUGH AND SET THESE OFF, HE DOESN'T HAVE A PLACE TO HIDE EITHER.
ARE THESE EXPLO-SIVES?
HMPH.
NOT IF WE'RE LUCKY... YOU'RE NOT AFRAID ARE YA, GRAMPS?
SO YOU WANT TO BLOW UP THE WHOLE TUNNEL?
EVEN IF THAT MEANS YOU'LL BLOW UP YOURSELF WITH IT?
SAJI-WHAT? ARE YOU USING THAT WEIRD CODE LANGUAGE AGAIN?
SAJINA-WASERU!
I CAN'T HUNT WITH SUCH THINGS
THAT'S WHEN YOU USE THAT WORD.
WE MOUNTAIN PEOPLE HAVE A RULE NOT TO USE NORMAL VILLAGE WORDS WHEN HUNTING IN THE MOUNTAINS.
WE WILL SEND THIS PREY BACK TO THE GOD OF THE MOUNTAINS, SO I STICK TO THE CODE.

THE WORD SAJINA-WASERU,
MEANS TO KILL YOUR PREY IN THE MOUNTAIN LANGUAGE.
WITH BOTH YOUR LIVES ON THE LINE IN A FAIR FIGHT BETWEEN HUNTER AND PREY.
THEN, YOU TAKE OUT THE PREY'S HEART...
AND YOU CUT A CROSS-SHAPED FIGURE IN IT.
BY DOING THIS, YOU SEND BACK THE SOUL OF YOUR PREY TO THE GOD OF THE MOUNTAINS. IT IS SAID THAT ONLY THEN, HAVE YOU ACTUALLY ENDED THE BATTLE WITH YOUR PREY.
GRAMPS, YOU DON'T REALLY MEAN ALL THIS--?
SO THAT'S WHY WE DON'T NEED THIS!
W-WAIT! IDIOT, NOT YET!

DID YOU BRING BACK MONEY WITH YOU AGAIN?
UHEI-SAN...
EXCUSE ME.
WE ALWAYS REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR HELP.
AH, THANK YOU SO MUCH...
I BROUGHT THIS.
I SEE, I'LL BE BACK BEFORE LONG.
WE WERE FORCED TO SELL THE CHARCOAL.
AND EVERYTHING I HAD TO BUY FOR RIN SO SHE COULD GO TO SCHOOL...
WITH THE HIGH PRICES...
CAN YOU FEED 'EM TO RIN PLEASE.
UHM, FOR THOSE...
WE'RE ALSO HAVING A HARD TIME.
I'M SORRY.

TODAY IS RIN'S BIRTHDAY.
THAT'S NOT IT
HUH? ARE WE NOT SUPPOSED TO EAT IT?
I AGAIN ENTRUST RIN TO YOUR FURTHER CARE
MY APOLOGIES I REGRET HAVING TO BOTHER YOU
SHE HATES YOU, DOESN'T SHE?
HMMM. I DON'T THINK SHE WILL EAT IT THOUGH
AH IT'S BECAUSE I TOUCHED UHEI'S GUN BEFORE..
WHAT IS THIS?
A DREAM FROM UHEI?

EVEN THOUGH HE IS THE MAN WHO INDIRECTLY KILLED MY MOTHER BY LETTING HER FIGHT AGAINST MINERVA..
HE'S SO SMALL FROM BEHIND ...


HAVE YOU WOKEN UP?
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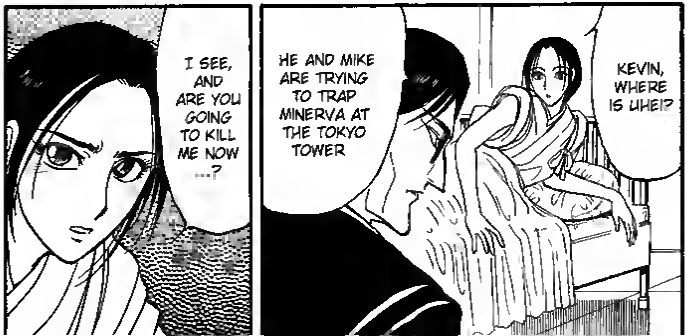
I SEE, AND ARE YOU GOING TO KILL ME NOW ...?
HE AND MIKE ARE TRYING TO TRAP MINERVA AT THE TOKYO TOWER
KEVIN, WHERE IS UHE!?

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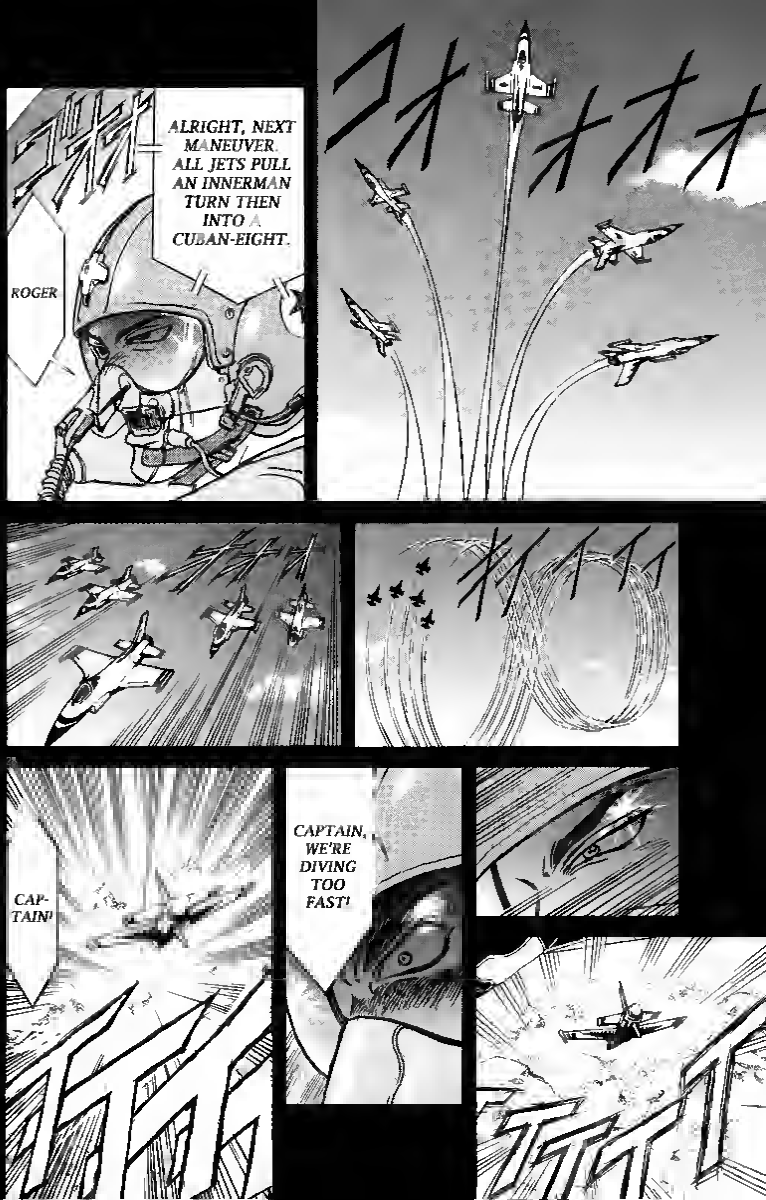
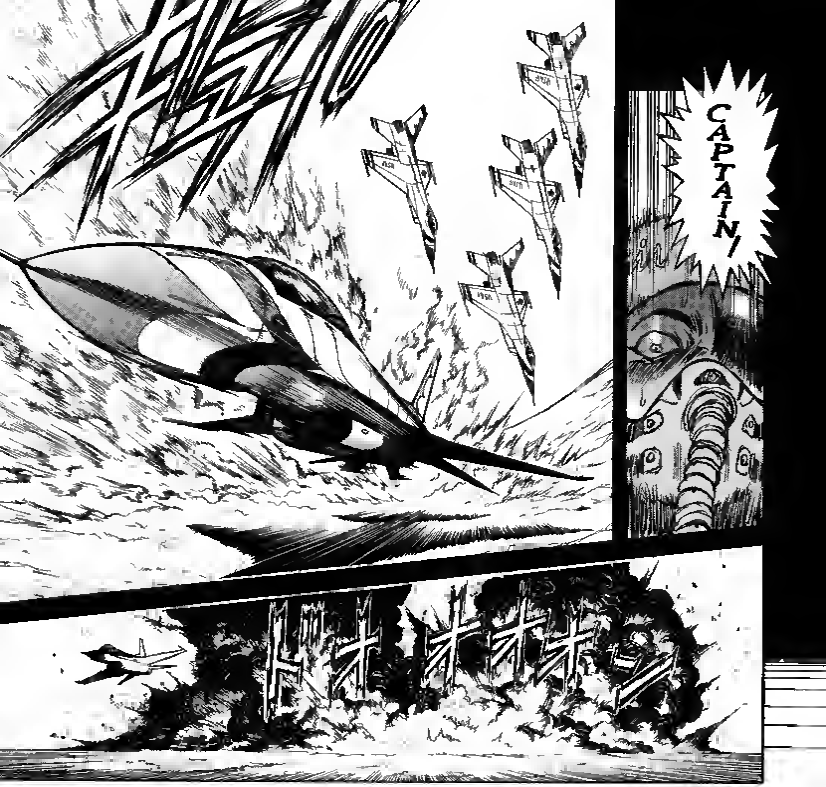
LETTING YOUR ATTEMPTED KILLER BE KILLED BY MINERVA.
YOU COULD HAVE RUN AWAY ON YOUR OWN EASILY.
I.. WONT DO ANYTHING MORE.. I JUST WANTED TO ASK YOU SOMETHING.
WHY DID YOU SAVE ME?
IN THE DESERT OF ARI-ZONA
DIDN'T YOU DIE AL-READY?
DIE? BUT KEVIN.
USAF
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE


ALRIGHT, NEXT MANEUVER. ALL JETS PULL AN INNERMAN TURN THEN INTO A CUBAN-EIGHT.
ROGER
CAPTAIN, WE'RE DIVING TOO FAST!
CAP-TAIN!


CAPTAIN!

AT THE ARMY'S AEROBATICS SHOW TEAM, THEY TEACH YOU THIS—
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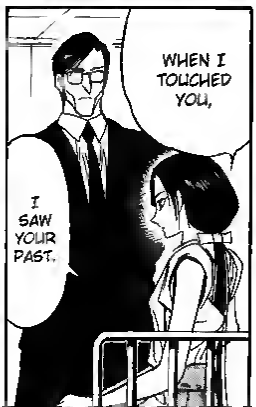
YOU'VE BEEN FULL OF REGRET EVER SINCE, THAT YOU WERE THE ONLY SURVIVOR...


WHEN I TOUCHED YOU,
I SAW YOUR PAST.

THERE IS NO GOOD OR BAD... TEAMING UP AND FLYING TOGETHER IS A PROOF OF THE TRUST THE CAPTAIN GETS FROM HIS SUBORDINATES
THAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT TRUTH CONCERNING TRUST IN A TEAM LIKE THAT...
WHEN THE PLANE OF THE CAPTAIN HITS THE GROUND, THE REST OF THE PLANES FOLLOW.
SO...
EVEN THOUGH EVERYBODY ELSE WENT CRASHING INTO THE GROUND WITH THEIR CAPTAIN...
I WAS THE ONLY ONE TO SUR-VIVE..
BUT, EVEN SO...
YOU DON'T WANT TO TURN AWAY FROM FIRING A MISSILE AT A HOSPITAL FULL OF PATIENTS?
SO THIS TIME, YOU WILL CRASH INTO IT INSTEAD OF TURNING AWAY?
TOGETHER WITH THE WHOLE AMERICAN FORCES?

YES... SO IT SEEMS ...
KEVIN, I DON'T KNOW A LOT ABOUT FLYING JETS OR ANYTHING ...
AND I SAVED YOU THAT TIME
BECAUSE I AM NOT A JET FLYING IN FORMATION
ALL I CAN DO IS TRY TO PURIFY THE SUFFERING OF THE PEOPLE FROM MY VILLAGE IN THE MOUNTAINS
EVEN IF IT MEANS KILLING YOURSELF?
HAHAH, WELL, IT CAN'T BE HELPED.

EH?
EVEN THOUGH YOU TWO ARE NOT BLOOD-RELATED,
YOU'RE A LOT ALIKE.
I SEE...
THEY SAY AT FIRST HE REFUSED TO FIGHT MINERVA.
I READ THE REPORT OF HOW UHEI SHOT MINERVA DOWN 13 YEARS AGO.
WE WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO LIVE NORMALLY AGAIN
AND WE KEEP HIDING..
WHEN PEOPLE ARE DYING AT THIS RATE.
BUT UHEI...
'TIL THEN WE JUST COWER UP HERE
THAT OWL'LL BE GONE FROM HERE SOON ENOUGH
BETTER THAN DYING, RIGHT?
HE FOUGHT WITH THE OWL.
AND SO...

WERE THE WELL-TRAINED DOGS OF THE HUNTERS!
THE FIRST ONES TO BE KILLED...

AND—

UHEI'S DOG TOO...

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...

CHIEKO.

THEN, UHEI'S WIFE...

ACCORDING TO THE RECORDS, THE ONLY SURVIVOR, UHEI, WAS SCREAMING THE NAME OF HIS DOG THE WHOLE TIME...
EVEN IN THE HOSPITAL WHERE HE WAS TAKEN TO RECOVER.
That Uhei...
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Chiko..
Chi... ko.
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CHIKOOOOOO!
HE WAS REALLY SAYING MOM'S NAME!
THAT... STUPID.. IDIOT UHE!
"CHIIKO" HE SAID.
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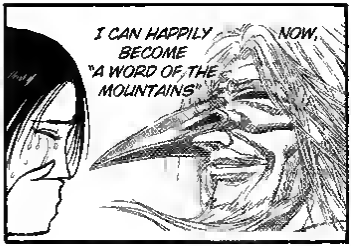
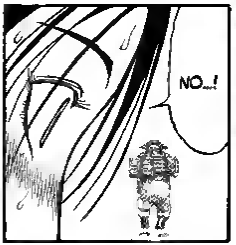

I CAN HAPPILY BECOME "A WORD OF THE MOUNTAINS"
NOW,

HE FOUGHT... AND LOST THE MOST VALUABLE PERSON IN HIS LIFE, BUT STILL HE CAME HERE...


NO...!

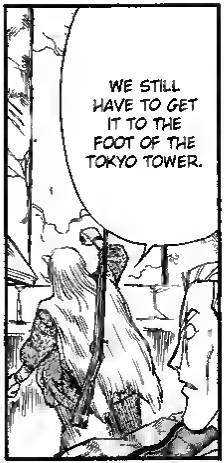
BECOMING A WORD OF THE MOUNTAINS MEANS DYING!
..No!

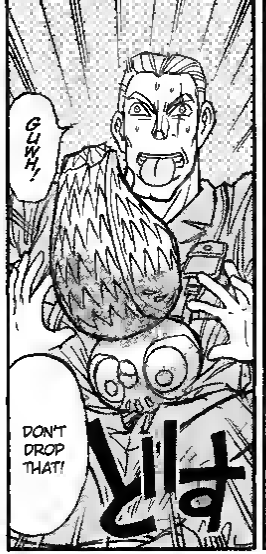
I AM SO VERY... DIFFERENT FROM HIM

KEVIN, I AM GOING TO REQUIRE YOUR HELP!

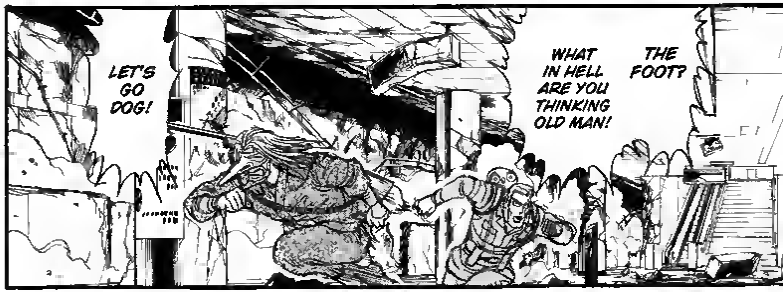
I WONT LET UHEI DIE!

Sixth Chapter Tower Shaken by the Final Duel
AH— OW OW OW, WHO THE HELL'D THROW A BAG OF EXPLOSIVES IN THE MIDDLE OF A TUNNEL, GRAMPS!
YOU HURT?
DON'T UNDERESTIMATE DELTA!
WHERE'S MINERVA?

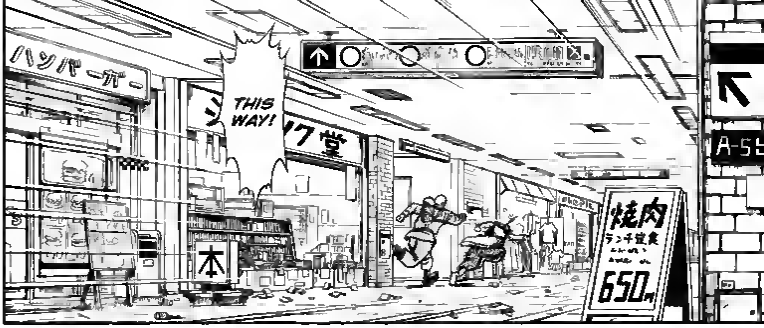

WE STILL HAVE TO GET IT TO THE FOOT OF THE TOKYO TOWER.


GUWH!
DON'T DROP THAT!

IT FLEW, BUT IT KNOWS WE USED UP THE BOMBS SO IT'LL COME BACK.


LET'S GO DOG!
THE FOOT?
WHAT IN HELL ARE YOU THINKING OLD MAN!

IT'S COMING AFTER US!
WHY DOESN'T MINERVA ATTACK STRAIGHT ON?
I THINK IT'S BEING CAUTIOUS
FIRST IT'S STRUCK BY A BULLET NOT CONTAINING BLOODLUST,
AND THEN AFTER THAT EXPLOSION...
BUT, THE MOMENT WE GET OUT IN THE OPEN SKY AGAIN IT WILL ATTACK US FOR SURE.
YOU SURE KNOW ALL ABOUT IT DON'T YOU.
SOMETIMES, THE HUNTER MUST BECOME THE HUNTED TO SUCCEED.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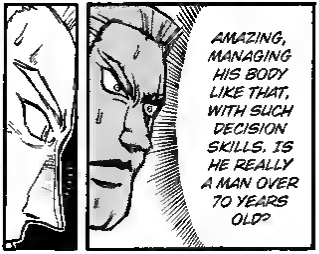
AMAZING, MANAGING HIS BODY LIKE THAT, WITH SUCH DECISION SKILLS, IS HE REALLY A MAN OVER 70 YEARS OLD?

WHAT IS IT?
GRAMPS, WAIT A SEC!

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THIS LOOKS LIKE THE RIGHT SIZE
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING DOG?
OPEN
CLOSE

FOR ONCE, JUST LISTEN TO WHAT SOMEONE YOUNGER HAS TO SAY.
MY FEET ARE CREATED BY THE MOUNTAINS! LIKE I WOULD WEAR THOSE SHOES!
WHAT IN HELL IS THIS?
HIGH-TECH SHOES IS WHAT WE CALL 'EM.
SINCE THAT EXPLOSION, YOUR FEET ARE RAGGED.
I WANT TO KILL THAT MOTHER-FUCKER TOO YOU KNOW.
WHAT IF YOU STEP WRONG AND DIE, IT'D BE A WASTE
THIS IS NOT THE MOUNTAINS, AND THE CONCRETE GIVES A SHOCK TO YOU LEGS WITH EVERY STEP YOU TAKE.
DID YOU PLAY A LOT WHEN YOU WERE YOUNG?
HUH?
DID YOU...
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OKAY, IT'S GOOD THEN
NO.
TOO TIGHT?

I WASN'T ABLE TO PLAY AT ALL.
WITH RIN,
IS THAT SO.
AHH, YEA WELL I LIKED BASEBALL SO I USED TO PLAY A LOT OF CATCH
..IT'S SOMETHIN' YOU CONVENIENTLY SAY AND ASSUME'S GOTTA BE TRUE ..
I'M A HUNTER. I KILL BEASTS TO OBTAIN MY MEALS. ...THAT'S WHY, FOR ME, RAISING UP A KID ENTIRELY'D BE IMPOSSIBLE...
BUT SHE WASN'T RAISED LIKE A FOOL, SO IT'S FINE
YOU WERE IN A DIFFICULT SITUATION RIGHT?
THESE SHOES, THEY FIT BETTER THAN I THOUGHT ...
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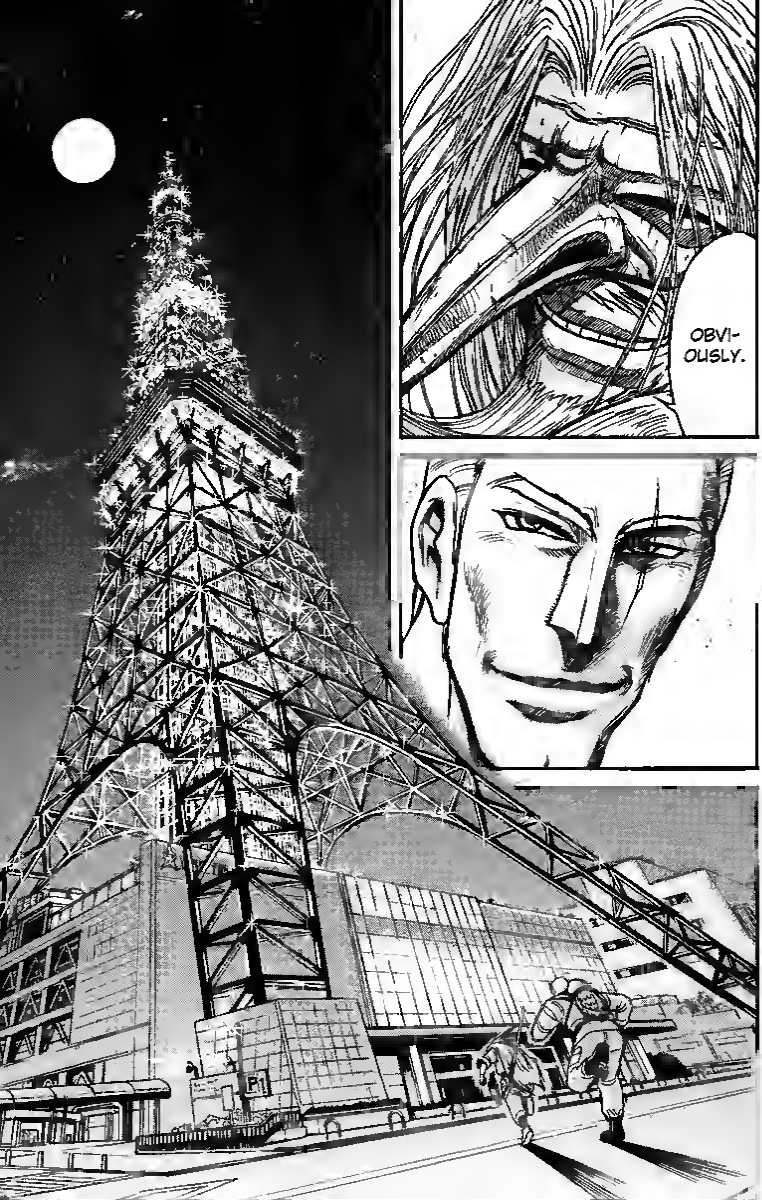
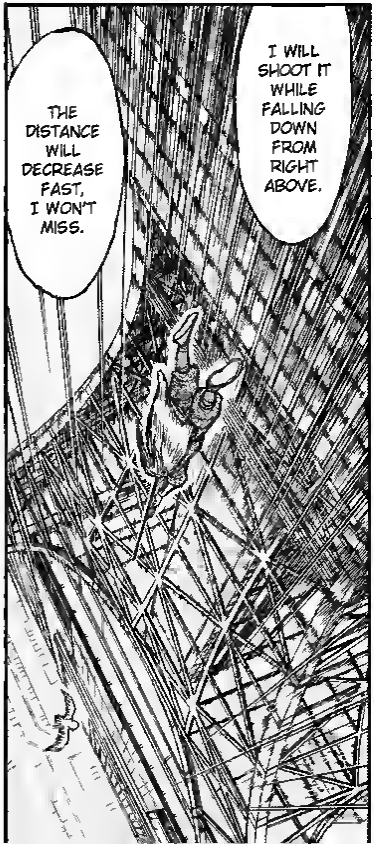
IS SOMETHING EVERYBODY WANTS RIGHT?
WANTING TO LEAVE A CHILD ON THIS WORLD...
ADOR-ABLE, ISN'T SHE
RIN'S. .
WHEN I LOOKED AT THAT OWL, I STARTED THINKING SO

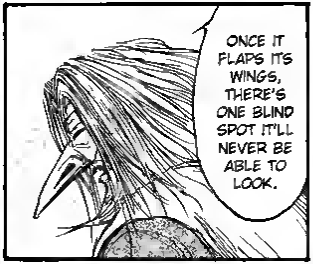

OBVI-
OUSLY.

WHAT ?

JUST PUT THE OWL OVER THERE AND GET BACK.
WE'RE HERE!
WHAT'LL YOU DO ONCE WE CLIMB IT?


THE DISTANCE WILL DECREASE FAST, I WON'T MISS.
I WILL SHOOT IT WHILE FALLING DOWN FROM RIGHT ABOVE.

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING OLD MAN?
IT WILL PROBABLY CIRCLE AROUND.


ONCE IT FLAPS ITS WINGS, THERE'S ONE BLIND SPOT IT'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO LOOK.

RIGHT ABOVE.

YOU IDIOT, IF YOU DO THAT YOU'LL ...!
TO SHOOT IT ACCURATELY, THIS IS THE ONLY WAY.
THERE IS NO BLOODLUST IN MY BULLETS.. I'VE TRAINED LONG TO ACHIEVE THAT..
THE MOMENT IT NOTICES, IT WILL ALREADY BE TOO LATE.
GRAMPS... YOU WERE PLANNING TO DIE HERE FROM THE BEGINNING.
NOT DIE, I'LL BECOME A WORD OF THE MOUNTAINS
IT'S JUST LIKE GOING HOME, TO THE MOUNTAINS.
IF I SHOOT 2 OR 3 BULLETS IN THE SKY IT'LL DEFINITELY COME.
GO AND HIDE, DOG.
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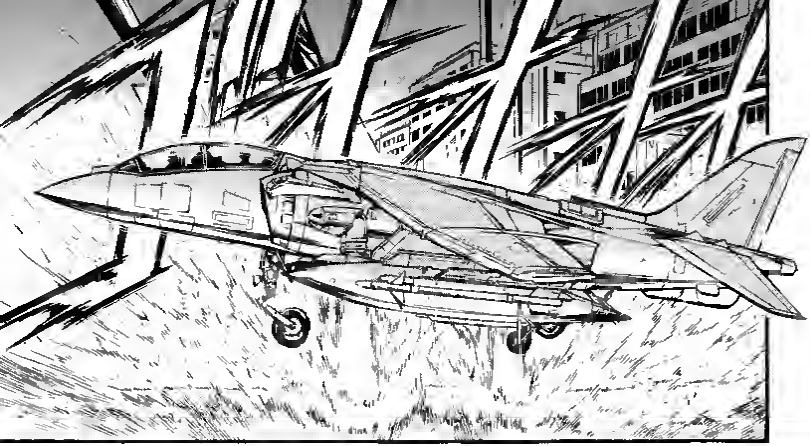
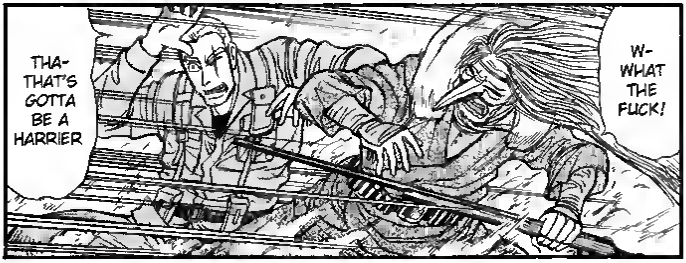
I KNOW HOW TO USE THAT THING CALLED AN ELEVATOR, TOO
IS THERE NO OTHER WAY?
NOPE! NOW GO!
SHIT ...
WHAT IS IT?
TCH.
RUN DOG!
MIN-ERVA!

WE WONT ...
MAKE IT...




THA-THAT'S GOTTA BE A HARRIER
W-WHAT THE FUCK!

UHE!!

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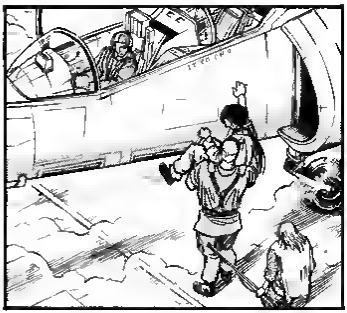
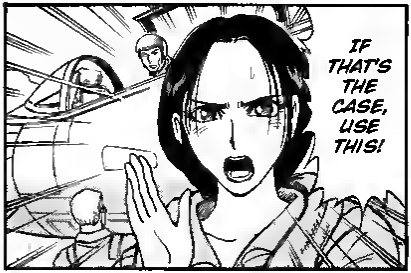
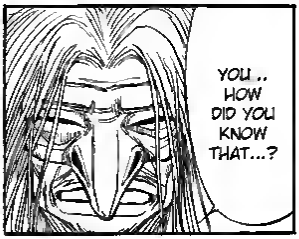


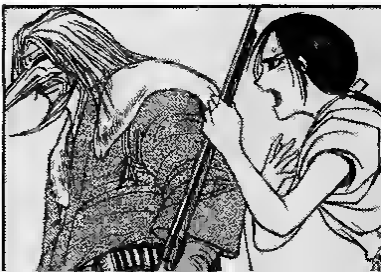
KEVIN, WHY.
RIN!


IF THAT'S THE CASE, USE THIS!

UHEI, YOU WANT TO GET IT FROM A HIGH PLACE RIGHT?
RIN, YOU'RE IN DANGER.

I...
I CAN UNDER-STAND THESE THINGS.


YOU .. HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT...?



AM YOUR DAUGHTER, AFTER ALL, FATHER.

TOKYO TOWER
JESUS, THAT WAS SURPRISING.

WITH JUST ONE WORD FROM SOME JAPANESE GIRL, A JET GETS PREPARED.
KEVIN MADE SOME PHONE CALLS AND ARRANGED IT.
SAYING THAT THERE IS NO OTHER WAY TO GET THAT OWL.

AL-RIGHT.
ANYWAY, LETS GET OUT OF HERE, I'LL COME BACK SOON.
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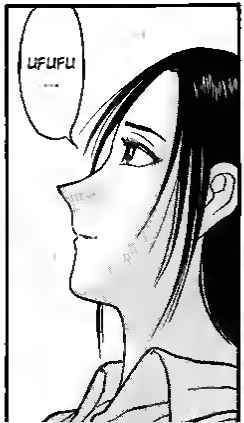

UFUFU ...

TO GET AN AGENT WHO DOESN'T KNOW PAIN OR TEARS TO DO THOSE KIND OF THINGS. YOU REALLY HAVE SUPER-NATURAL POWERS.

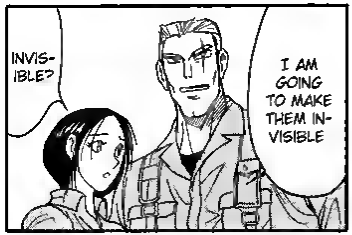
AN ATTACK FROM ABOVE YOU SAY WHAT HEIGHT DO YOU WANT?
WHAT'S UP WITH YOU? ARE YOU PLANNING SOMETHING?
TRULY... A RECKLESS DAUGHTER.
"HE IS THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN GET THAT MONSTER...
SO HELP HIM, KEVIN..
AND, AMERICA, TOO"
NOTHING REALLY, ITS JUST THAT YOUR DAUGHTER SAID SOMETHING TO ME "UHEI IS NO LONGER HUMAN ANYMORE"

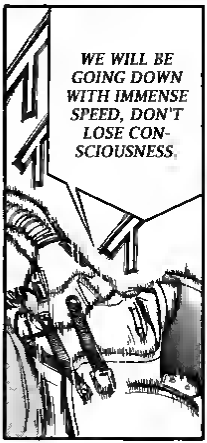
A GOOD GIRL...
IT'S BACK DOWN THERE!
GOING WHERE?
OKAY, HIGHER!
FLY STRAIGHT TO THE MOON!
YOU CAN SEE IT RIGHT?

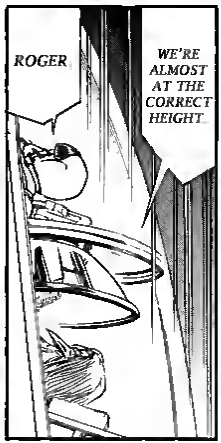
NUMBER ONE, PREPARATIONS READY.
TWO,
THREE, PREPARATIONS OKAY.
FOUR, FIVE, SIX, ALL READY TO USE THE LIGHTS
WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU, SELF-DEFENCE ARMY BOYS.

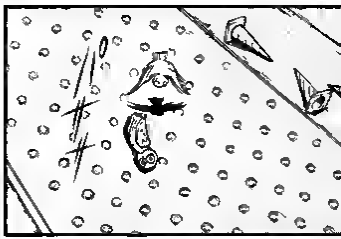
MIKE, WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU DOING?
LOOK AT IT, FUCKING WICKED EYES OWL.

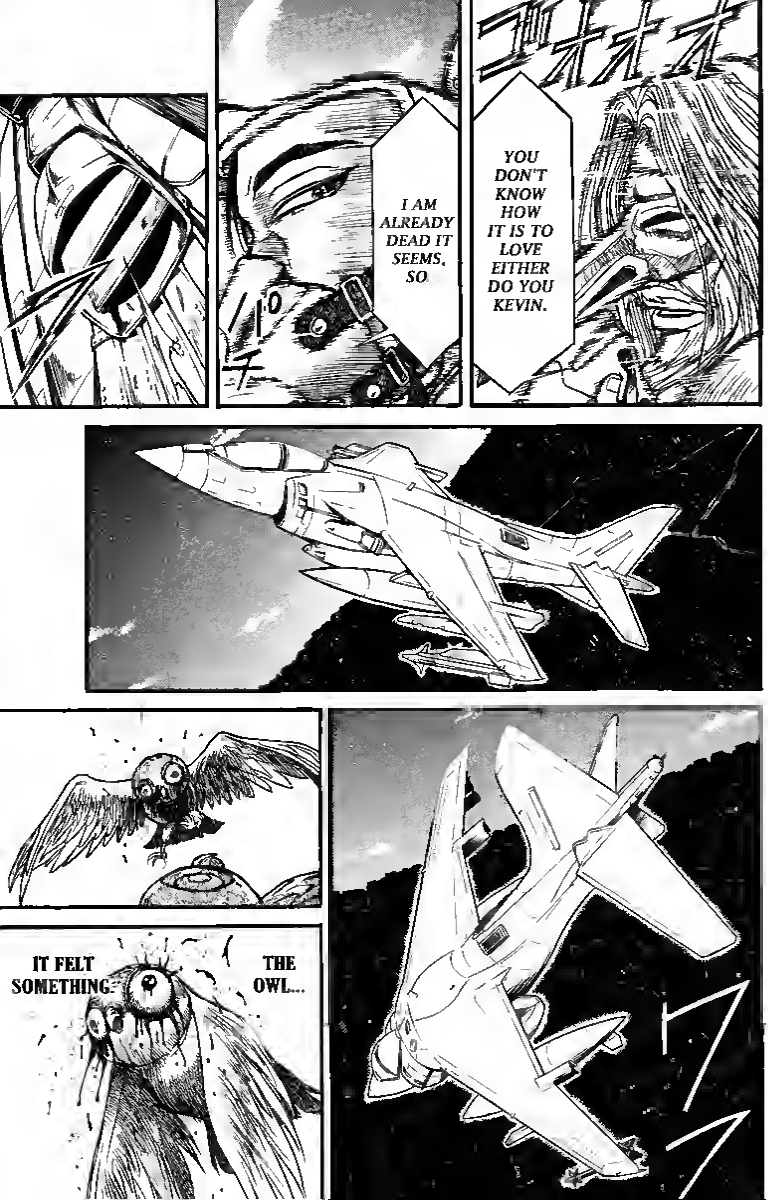
IT'S ALL OR NOTHING BUT STILL, LOOK

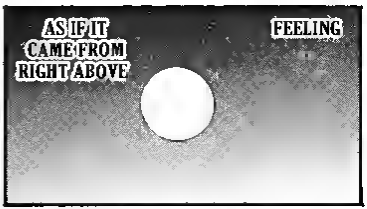

INVIS-IBLE?
I AM GOING TO MAKE THEM IN-VISIBLE


WE WILL BE GOING DOWN WITH IMMENSE SPEED, DON'T LOSE CON-SCIOUSNESS


ROGER
WE'RE ALMOST AT THE CORRECT HEIGHT



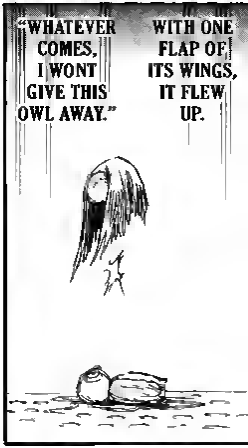

I AM ALREADY DEAD IT SEEMS, SO.
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW IT IS TO LOVE EITHER DO YOU KEVIN.
IT FELT SOMETHING.
THE OWL...


AS IF IT CAME FROM RIGHT ABOVE
FEELING

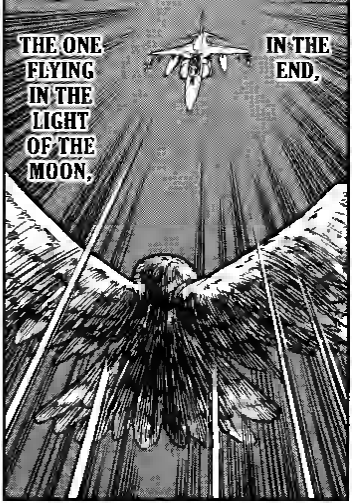
LIKE SOMETHING WAS COMING ITS WAY.
IT FELT...

IT FELT LIKE IT COULD NOT LOSE.
WHATEVER ENEMY COMES...

TODAY, HAVING BEEN ROBBED OF THIS OWL ONCE, IT WAS PROBABLY MAD.


"WHATEVER COMES, I WONT GIVE THIS OWL AWAY."
WITH ONE FLAP OF ITS WINGS, IT FLEW UP.

JUST ONE LOOK IS ENOUGH TO KILL WHATEVER LIVES
JUST ONE LOOK.
THAT'S WHAT HE THOUGHT
ALWAYS...
THAT'S RIGHT


THE ONE FLYING IN THE LIGHT OF THE MOON,
IN THE END,

IS ME.

Seventh Chapter The Wicked Eyes Fly to the Full Moon
"ALL STORIES START WITH 'A LONG, LONG TIME AGO'."
THE GLASS IS IN THE WAY, OPEN IT UP! DON'T GET LOOKED AT!
KNEW YOU'D SAY THAT!
HOW WE COULD JETTISON JUST THE CANOPY... THE MECHANIC'LL BE ASTONISHED.
AS ART HISTORIAN ERNST GOMBRICH SAID,
"A LONG, LONG TIME AGO."

SO, IN THE END?
HOW WILL THE STORY THAT STARTED WITH "A LONG, LONG TIME AGO", THE STORY BETWEEN THE WICKED EYES AND AN OLD HUNTER, HOW WILL IT END?
FIN
WHA... WHAT ENORMOUS AIR PRESSURE ...!
IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS... THERE'S... NO WAY HE CAN SHOOT...!
WHAT ON EARTH...
IS GOING TO HAPPEN?
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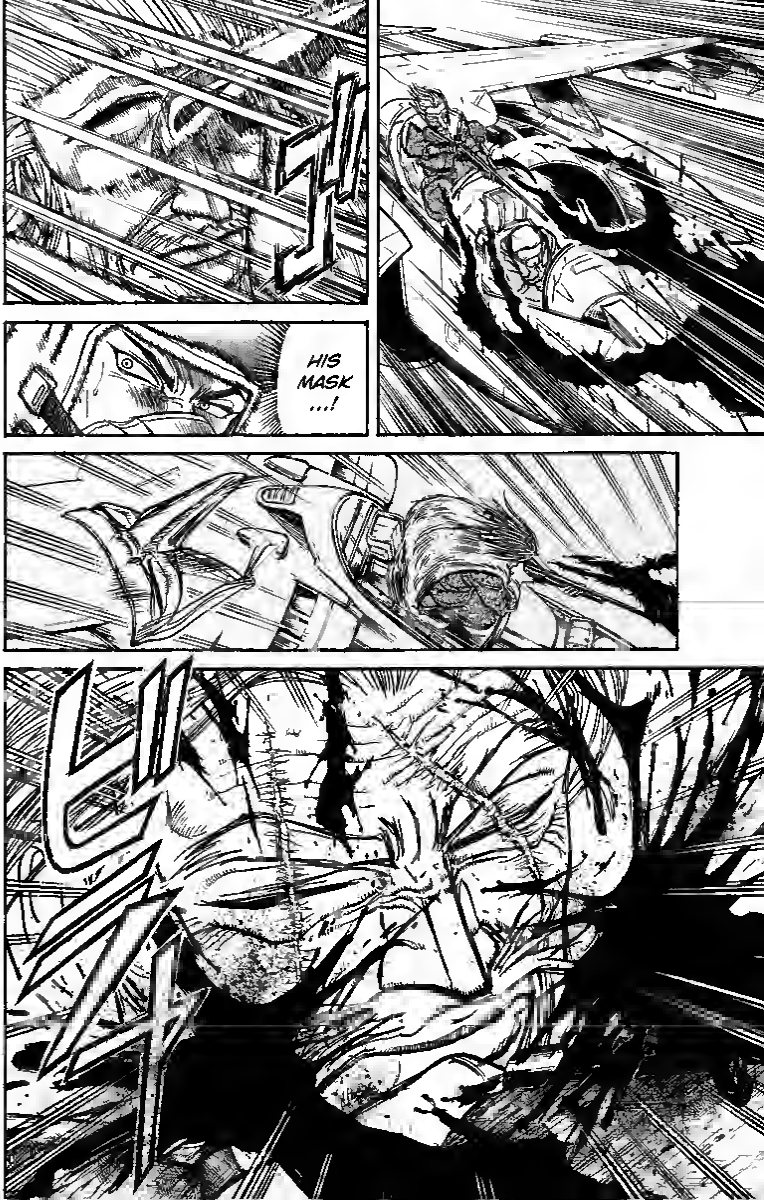
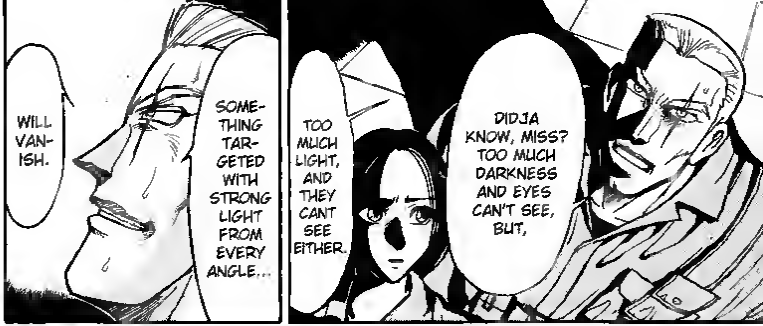
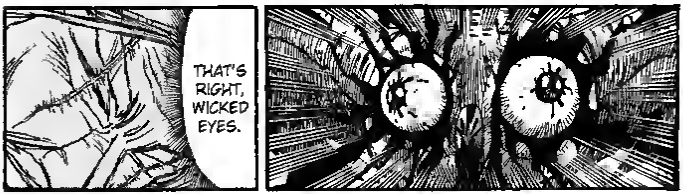
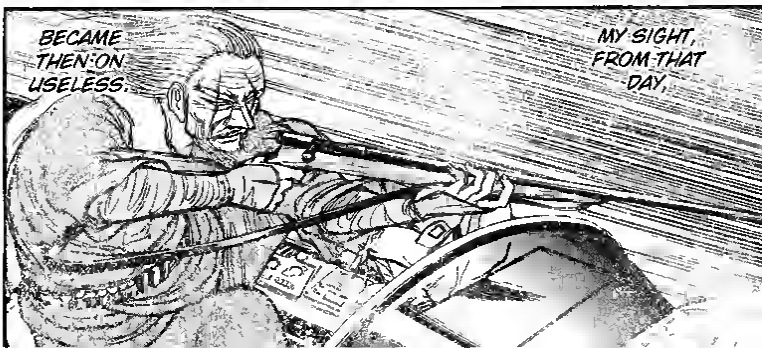

HIS MASK ...!

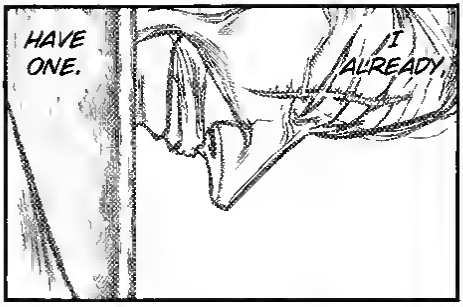
LIGHTS!
NOW!


WILL VANISH.
SOMETHING TARGETED WITH STRONG LIGHT FROM EVERY ANGLE...
TOO MUCH LIGHT, AND THEY CAN'T SEE EITHER.
DIDJA KNOW, MISS? TOO MUCH DARKNESS AND EYES CAN'T SEE, BUT,


THAT'S RIGHT, WICKED EYES.


BECAME THEN ON USELESS.
MY SIGHT, FROM THAT DAY,

I DESTROYED MY OWN EYES...
AND PARTED WAYS WITH MY MURDERED WIFE NOT DYING MYSELF.
BACK THEN...
CHIEKO CREATED THAT BRIEF MOMENT FOR ME.
WHAT FACE DO I HAVE TO BOW BEFORE THE GOD OF THE MOUNTAINS AFTER THAT
ALL I CAN DO IS HIDE MY DISGRACE BEHIND THIS MASK.
WICKED EYES!
WICKED EYES...
HE COULDN'T SEE?
BUT... THIS'S BAD!
THE POISON WILL GO IN THROUGH HIS EARS NEXT!


HAVE ONE.
I ALREADY
CHIEKO.
RIGHT...?

YOU WANTED...
A CHILD, RIGHT?

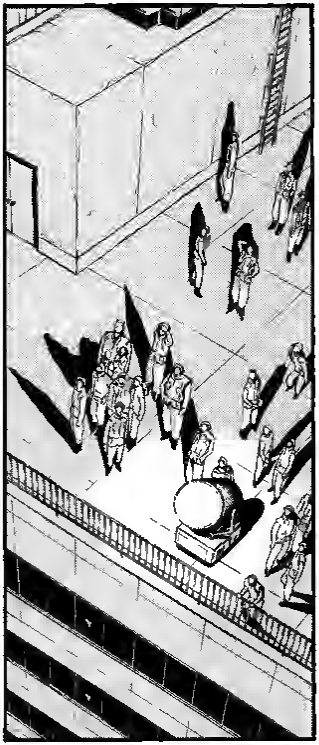
WICKED EYES.
THAT'S WHY...

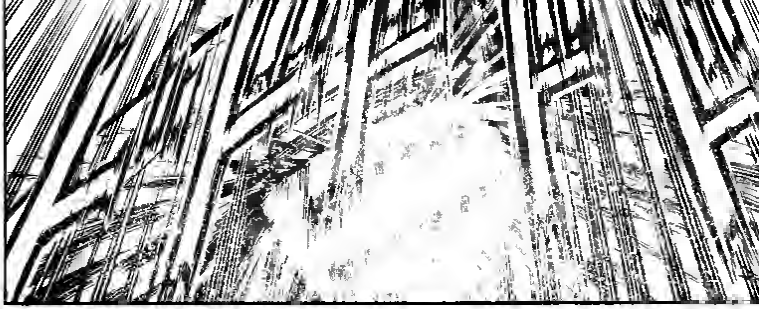
IT'S YOUR LOSS!

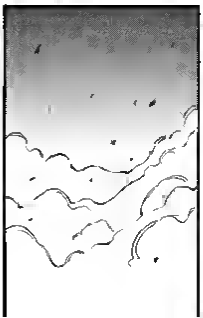
HE DID IT!
HUH ...?

IT'S NOT COMING DOWN, MINERVA IS FLYING STRAIGHT UP...
BASTARD... HE'S ASCEND-ING, HUH...
G-GUH, THE INJEC-TORS ...!
WHER-EVER IT GOES... CAN ONLY BE HIGHER...
THAT'S FINE
THEN... IS IT DEAD...?
SOMETIMES, A BIRD THAT RECEIVES A FATAL WOUND... DOESN'T STOP FLAPPING...
I... HAVE HEARD FROM MY DAD...

YES,
BUT STILL ITS WINGS ARE AS HIGH AS HEAVEN







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IT WAS SAID THE CHEERS NEVER FADED.
THAT DAY...

FIVE DAYS LATER,
AT SHINJUKU STATION.

Lets stop by a hot spring on the way home!
PLUS, I NEVER DID SOMETHING LIKE THIS WITH MY FATHER, SO IT'S FUN. .
RIN! I AM TOO OLD FOR THIS, IT'S EMBARRASSING
THIS KIND OF TRANSPORT FITS US BETTER.
OF COURSE,
IT'S A REALLY HUGE SUM OF MONEY. YOU COULD BE ESCORTED HOME IN A LINCOLN.
YOU TWO HAVE SAVED JAPAN AND AMERICA. THERE IS A REWARD OFFERED FROM THE PRESIDENT..
HEHE, HE'S EMBARRASSED.
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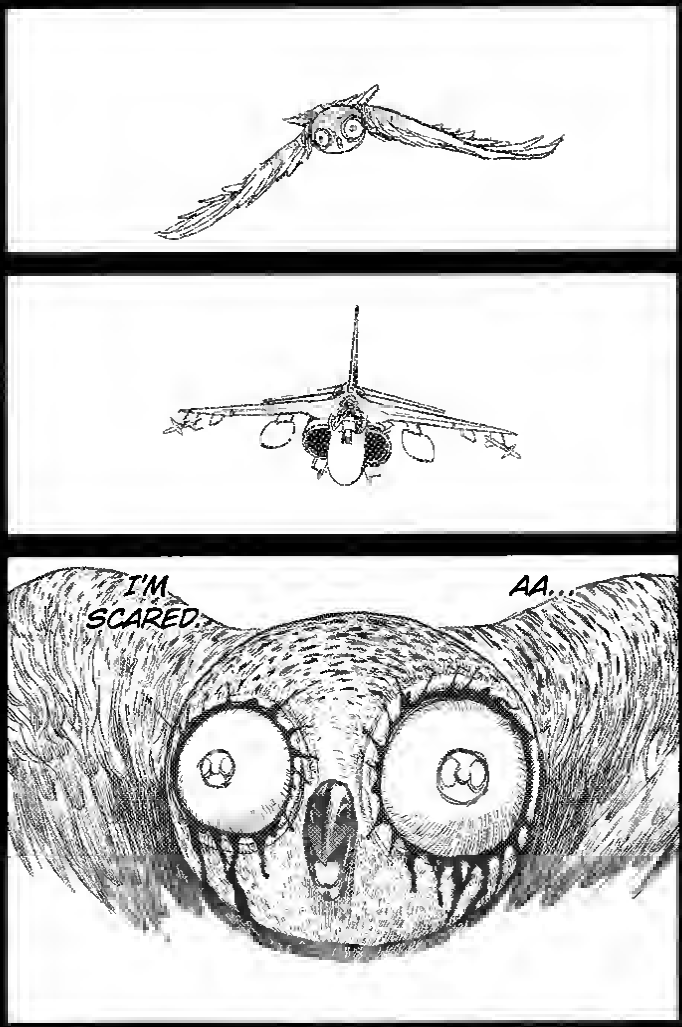
YOU ARE ONE CRAZY OLD-MAN, YOU KNOW THAT?
THIS "HIGH-TECH-SHOE" THING, IS GOOD.
AT THE LAST MOMENT, I UNDER-STOOD WHAT THE OWL WAS THINKING.
YES.
EHM, KEVIN.


I'M SCARED.
AA...

ARE COMING THIS WAY.
SCARY EYES...

フロイエル
I AM PRAYING NO ONE, NO HUMAN ...
WILL EVER HAVE WICKED EYES.
ヒソソソ
.....
ガタタン
WE'LL PROBABLY NEVER MEET THEM AGAIN,
BUT THEY WERE TWO INTER-ESTING PERSONS.
... YEAH.
HUMANS ... WICKED EYES...
SHE MIGHT BE RIGHT.
ヒョオオ
ピピピーロー

A RHINO THAT SPREADS CLOUDS OF POISON?
WHA... WHAT?
ENG-LAND? WHAT, ARE YOU SERI-OUS?
THIS TIME IT'S ENG-LAND!
WHAT IS IT KEVIN?
NOW, UHEI'S NOT HERE ANYMORE.
WE WENT ON IN THAT MANNER FOR QUITE SOME TIME.
OH BOY. WELL,
I'LL START THE CHOP-PER!
HURRY MIKE! TELL THEM TO STOP THAT TRAIN AT THE NEXT STATION!
YEAH, I GOT IT!

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A STORY FROM A LONG, LONG TIME AGO.

CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT UHEI AGAIN?
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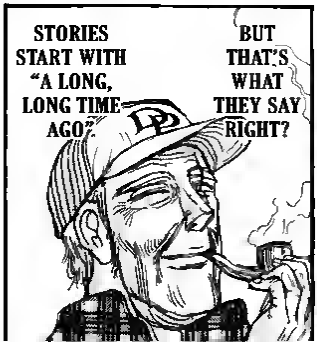
どれが

GRAMPA!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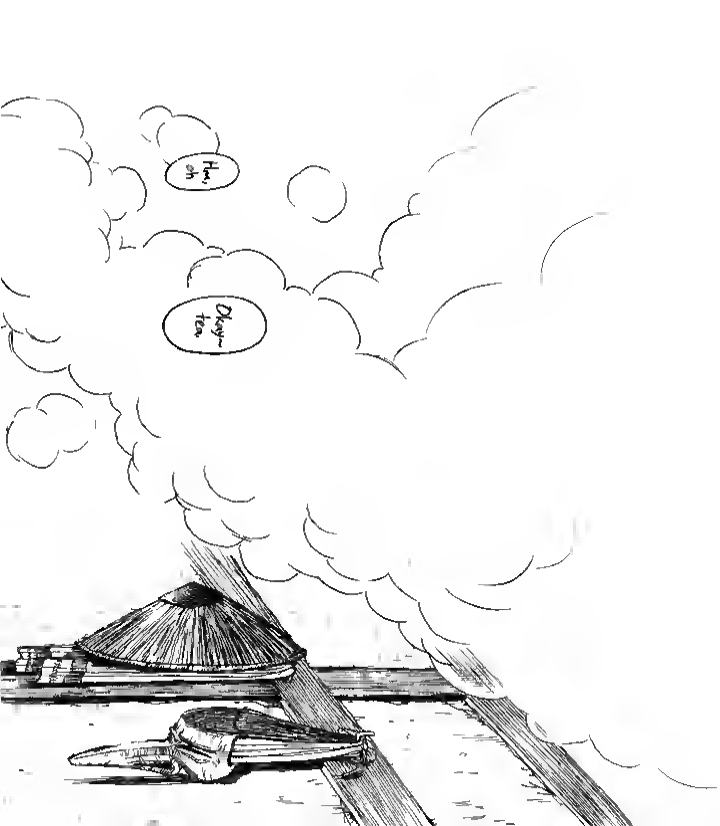
BUT THAT'S WHAT THEY SAY RIGHT?

"MINERVA THE OWL" WAS WHAT RAISED THE CURTAIN TO MINE AND UHEI'S STORY.

THE WICKED EYES FLY TO THE FULL MOON
-END-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可愛らしいフクロウを悪役にするなんて、けしからんとお怒りの方もあるかもしれません。

調べてみると歴史の中でフクロウが被ってきた悪評は、散々なものなのです。

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ありがとうございました。

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